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Wed 2100	WBCQ	15420-CUSB
Thu 0530	WRMI	9955
Thu 1430	WRMI	9955
Thu 2330	WBCQ	7415
Fri 0100	WRMI	9955
Fri 0800	WRMI	9955
Fri 1930	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	7290 [NEW]
Fri 2030	WWCR1	15825
Sat 0800	WRMI	9955
Sat 1630	WWCR3	12160
Sun 0230	WWCR3	5070
Sun 0630	WWCR1	3215
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955
Sun 1515	WRMI	9955
Mon 0415	WBCQ	7415 [time varies]
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955
Tue 1530	WRMI	9955
Wed 0530	WRMI	9955
Wed 1130	WRMI	9955

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** ABKHAZIA. 9495, Abkhaz Radio. In vernaculars and Russian, observed at 0455 with Lionel Richie song 'Say You, Say Me' and close/down at 0501 on 26/6, but on 8/6 at the same time was // 9535 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD) See also GEORGIA, as we vacillate

** ALBANIA. Very good morning Drita, Yes, finally is Friday, maybe my favourite day. As you requested, I tried yesterday for the broadcasting to North America at 1430 UT at 13640 kHz. The signal average was 8 to 9 with some peaks over 9+10 dB. The audio is much better than other times, in proportion with the signal (George, Bilbao, Spain, June 27 via Drita «iÁo, R. Tirana, DXLD)

Re 8-074: Due to radio/relay problems, lately it was broadcasted Radio Tirana First Program Domestic instead of relevant program (Drita «iÁo, R. Tirana Monitoring, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 17655-17660-17665 DRM, CVC, Darwin. Chinese programming 0658 tune-in with songs, sonscreen ID as iCVC Chineseî. Fairly steady signal, peaking at 16.0dB SNR. 17.08 kbps stream, mono on 28/6 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW (Icom R75, Horizontal Loop, Dipole, DreamÆ DRM Software), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. VALE KEITH ASHTON --- Keith Ashton passed away suddenly on the 21st of June 2008. John [Wright] writes:

He was a member of our club, a great knowledgeable radio man. My involvement with Keith started off in 1995 in Caringbah with the 2AM 1620 studio and Matilda search engine through first link including this internet address. Keith was such a generous man, that gave away Greyhound passes on air for our DX Club in 1996 when we had taken over from Melbourne with only 103 members. Keith got us back on our feet. I still have those 2AM reception reports. Keith and I shared a common nemesis, in type 1 diabetes. However, this didn't deter him from doing all things radio. Lately he had been working on a the old frequency in the 49 mb, getting a shortwave transmitter licence. His words and laughing, will ring in my ears for ever. Vale Keith. A great Aussie radio man. There is a big article in the magazine pulled off the web. The website indicates the contact for tributes is Ryan Maguire, so I

am not sure if we wrote the article or not (July Australian DX News via DXLD) Viz.:

Keith Ashton, 1944-2008

REMEMBERING THE MAN WHO INVENTED NARROWCAST RADIO [illustrated]

This is the simple biography of a media-man who went from being the youngest newsreader on Australian television, to the man who created more radio licenses than any other person in Australian history. He invented narrowcast broadcasting and is a person well known to the broadcasting industry. . .

http://www.isonliveradio.com/iarba/lifemembers/keith_ashton.html

(July Australian DX News via DXLD)

Was with Double V Radio, applicant for 120m SW licences, and a frequent poster on the DXing.info fora (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Thanks Glenn for all those postings. I wonder what will happen to Keith's stations now that he has gone. I guess that's the end of Double V Shortwave Australia. I'm not sure whether Keith had partners in his business (David Onley, Pijnacker - The Netherlands, dxing.info via DXLD) OBIT

** AUSTRALIA. 4910, VL8T, Tennant Creek NT, at this time?!, 1826-2002, 29 Jun, English, talks, ABC news jingle at 1830 (which confirmed the otherwise doubtful ID as it could perhaps be INDIA), news, more unreadable talks until some music was finally played at 1907; 25231. I checked 4835 & 5025 too, but no trace of VL8A & VL8K respectively. I didn't bother to check the 120 m band as it's simply too noisy up here in Lisbon (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Noted the 4910 VL8T Tennant Creek also here at the same time. Not at all uncommon for one of these every now and then fail to make the frequency shift at scheduled time. I understand the shift is automated and fails to work sometimes for some reasons. 73, (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, ibid.)

Jari, Thanks for the piece of information. Well, it may well be automated - at least the sort of abrupt frequency switch they have certainly makes one believe so -, but can't a station fix such mistakes in almost no time, or do they simply not bother to monitor the channels to see whether everything is right? I guess many a station simply rely too much on automation and expect miracles. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, ibid.)

Carlos, In the case of transmitter site fault there's no matter whether the frequency shift is automated at the site or maybe remote controlled from Darwin or wherever. It needs a technician at the site

and I guess it might take some time at those remote places in NT. Maybe I'm wrong, but I think the NT shortwave transmitter sites are unmanned. Best 73, (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, ibid.)

2310, VL8A, Alice Springs, 2132-2144, 28-06, Inglés, locutor, locutora, menciona "Darwin and Melbourne, Australia", comentarios de tenis, "The weather, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek". 25322. (Méndez)

2325, VL8T, Tennant Creek, 2151-2205, 28-06, inglés, locutor, locutora, comentarios, canciones.15321. (Méndez)

[Note the above two were on 120m past the scheduled switch to 60m at 2130; but the day before they were on 60m at least by 2206 as follows:]

4835, VL8A, Alice Springs, 2206-2220, 27-06, inglés, locutora, comentarios: "twenty five minutes to eight o'clock, good morning", canciones en inglés. 35433. En paralelo con 4910. (Méndez)

4910, VL8T, Tennant Creek, 2210-2222, 27-06, inglés, locutora, comentarios, canciones. 35432. En paralelo con 4835. (Méndez)

5025, VL8K, Katherine, 2145-2151, 28-06, inglés, locutor, comentarios. Interferencia de Benin en la misma frecuencia. 22222 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, escuchas realizadas en Camping de Reinante, costa del mar Cantábrico, provincia de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Verifications were received from 6230 VMC - Charleville and 8113 VMW ñ Wiluna, verified with a full data attachment QSL card from Mike Dalakis who noted that iDue to the large number of requests received, we are now sending QSL cards electronically (as .png files) which is more efficient for us. The recipient can print (in color) and laminate the card, or have it printed on photographic paper, or just keep it in electronic format.î (Rich D'Angelo, PA, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** BELIZE. FM Es Jamaica? to SC 12:10 EDT: 7/1, Es, fading in/out, 1211, UNID-88.9 English-Jamaican accent - political address.

[later:] Reviewed tape and the 88.9 turned out to be Belize-Ladyville (1194 [statute miles?]) which sounded like a live legislative session with mention of the acting director of the Belize Bureau Standards. New Logging (Fred Nordquist, Moncks Corner, SC, WTFDA via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. Hola amigos y colegas, Un saludo desde Bogotá; les envío las escuchas realizadas este fin de semana con buenas condiciones para las emisoras de Bolivia. También las confirmaciones que he recibido en

las últimas semanas.

4699.4, RADIO SAN MIGUEL. Riberalta. 1027-1040 junio 29. Comentarios del Evangelio del día. Luego programa: Encuentro con Maria. ID: "...40 años acompañañdote en 4700 kHz, banda de 60 metros onda corta, 99.1 frecuencia modulada y en internet <http://www.radiosanmiguel.org> Radio San Miguel siempre con nuestra gente..."

4732.1, RADIO UNIVERSITARIA. Cobija. 2348-0020 junio 28. Programa: Estudio 97. Presentando música tropical, baladas y pop en español. Entre canción "...Radio Universitaria..." No hay locución o anuncios comerciales. A las 0001 ID: "...estamos en los cuatro puntos cardinales del departamento de Pando, en toda Bolivia; Somos Radio Universitaria..." Luego el programa Contacto Latino. "...Contacto Latino, música en tu idioma, contacto latino, música igual que tu..." No señal de CODAR, canal muy claro.

4781.5, RADIO TACANA. Tumupasa. 0025-0102* junio 29. Programa: Minutos de Reflexión. Mencionan lanzamiento de la Radionovela: Mercedes, Sembradora de Esperanzas. Envían saludos a oyentes en Noruega, Japón y Brasil. "...Somos más que palabras, somos toda una realidad, somos Radio Tacana..." Cierre a las 0102.

6055, RADIO JUAN XXIII. San Ignacio de Velasco. 1050-1125 junio 29. Música mexicana de rancheras y corridos, en el programa: Mañanitas Mexicanas. Luego de un rato sin locución, piden disculpas por problemas con el micrófono. "...mañanitas mexicanas en la programación de Radio Juan XXIII, la juancho..."

A las 1100 con el programa: El Propio Radial. "...en la ciudad y en el campo, en la Chiquitania [¿Chiquitanía?] y el país... el Propio Radial, el servicio de mensajes, avisos y comunicados; el Propio Radial se escucha en la mayor potencia de la Chiquitania... Juan XXIII..." Anuncios de Ferretería La Económica, Restaurant El Corralito. Luego de las 1125 se enlazó con Radio Santa Cruz para la emisión de la misa.

Esuchas realizadas con el Winradio G303i y un hilo largo de 25 metros

QSL: 3310, RADIO MOSOJ CHASKI, Carta de Verificación, x correo electrónico, v/s Lic. P. Víctor Campos B. - Director. Informe enviado a: phayo12 @ hotmail.Com Demoró: 2 días (Rafael Rodríguez R., Colombia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4699.36, 0005-0100 25+26+27+28.06, R. San Miguel, Riberalta, Spanish, excited talk by two men, 25333 AP-DNK

4716.68, 0010-0110 25+26+27.06, R. Yura, Yura, Spanish announcement,

Andean songs, ID 0101, slight utility QRM, 34333 AP-DNK

4732.14, 0045-0055 26+27.06, R. Universitaria, Cobija,
(presumed) Spanish announcement, Andean songs; no utility QRM 27.06,
but terrific QRM nearly all the time on 26.06, 25222 / 21221 AP-DNK

5580.30, 0045-0205 25+27.06, R San Jos , San Jos  de Chiquitos
(presumed), Spanish talk, music, 15232 AP-DNK

6134.82, 0225-0237* 26.06, R. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra,
Spanish speech after a football match, mentioning Santa Cruz, song
with word "Gooooal" and close, 35344 (Anker Petersen, AOR AR7030PLUS
with 28 metres longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini,
playdx yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4699.4, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta, 2245-2316, 25-06,
m sica boliviana, locutor, comentarios y anuncios comerciales,
canciones latinoamericanas, locutora, anuncios comerciales,
identificaci n: "Radio San Miguel". 24322. (M endez)

5952.5, Radio Pio XII, Siglo XX, 2210-2235, 25-06, locutora, locutor,
quechua y espa ol, "En nuestros municipios... la gente boliviana",
"Centro de desarrollo cultural", identificaci n: "Radio Pio XII".
24222 (Manuel M endez, Lugo, Espa a, escuchas realizadas en Camping de
Reinante, costa del mar Cant brico, provincia de Lugo, Grundig
Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, dxldyg
via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4110, 28/06 0025, R. Virgen de los Remedios, Unid, OM SS
religioso, music, talk about "...una oraci n a nuestro se or..." 25322
MMP [usually reported on 4111v]

4699, 29/06 0203, R. San Miguel, Riberalta, OM SS "...esta noche
escuchan voces latinas... Radio San Miguel..." 35322 MMP

4716.6, 26/06 0030, R. Yura, Yura, mx "bailables" t picas, OM
"...Noticiero a los campesinos..." 35333 MMP

4796.4, 28/06 0030, R. Malku, Uyuni, YL with talks em Spanish, sinal
extremamente fraco, poss vel ID  s 2332 (Marcio M. Pontes, Registro,
SP, Rx Icom IC R 70, Yaesu FRG 7700, Atx T2FD p/ 49 metros,
radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL, 4754.9, Radio Imaculada Concei  o, Campo Grande,
0526-0615, 26-06, locutor, comentario religioso, identificaci n:
"Radio Imaculada", canciones. 35433 (Manuel M endez, Lugo, Espa a,
escuchas realizadas en Camping de Reinante, costa del mar Cant brico,
provincia de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de

cable, 8 metros, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4754.93, 0020-0110 25+26.06, R. Imaculada Conceição, Campo Grande, MS, Portuguese religious talk, hymns, 25332 (Anker Petersen, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. A Rádio Guarujá de Florianópolis voltou a "pipocar" em 49m 5980 kHz. Hoje, 1/7, ela foi sintonizada com sinal distorcido (saturado, ruim mesmo) em 5710 kHz, em vez de sua frequência original, ou seja, 5980 kHz. Há pouco tempo havia voltado ao ar, depois de longo tempo, com bom sinal. Descambou, again [sic]. Demonstra manutenção, o instável.

Hoje, dia 1/7/2008, terça-feira, surgiu com sinal forte e claro na frequência de 5870 kHz (??) 49m, a Rádio Missionária do Brasil (Sistema Gideões), (seria a Marumby?). O sinal vem de Florianópolis e são citadas frequências em 31m e 25m da Marumby, porém a frequência de 49m não é mencionada, ou seja, 5870 kHz. Estaria em teste? Ou seria aleatória? Notei que o áudio parece estar sendo retransmitido de outra fonte. Aguardemos. 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira SP, dxclubepr yg via DXLD)

Luiz, A rádio ainda se chama Marumby e você pode conferir em <http://www.gmuh.com.br/radio/radioma.htm> e faz parte do projeto Gideões Missionários da Última Hora. (Antônio Schuler, DX Clube de Pernambuco <http://www.dxclubepernambuco.com> ibid.)

But the point is, what is it doing on 5870? Or the other one on 5710. Times?? (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Amigos, depois de um longo tempo sem ouvir a banda tropical; por esses dias tive alguns momentos de folga e pude conferir algumas estações. Como o Samuel informou, a R. Cultura de Araraquara está de novo no ar, entre outras surpresa uma emissão em SS em 4905 kHz com o "missionero" David Miranda. Devo acrescentar que foi usada uma antena T2FD novinha em folha, só que para 49 metros e que me surpreendeu pelo resultado na faixa baixa. Ainda pude confrontar um Icom R 70 e um Yaesu FRG 7700, para o meu gosto o Icom R70 venceu o combate.

2380, 26/06 0059, R. Educadora, Limeira/SP, OM with programa religioso, "...acreditem irmãos no poder da fé..." 45333 MMP

3365, 29/06 2157, R. Cultura de Araraquara, Araraquara/SP, ads "http://www.futeboldointerior.com.br", "17 Copa Cultura de Futsal", [sic] "Leão Engenharia", "Melvio Tintas", px Os campeões da bola 45544

4805, 29/06 2140, R. Dif do Amazonas, Manaus/AM, transmiss, o esportivo, futebol Fluminense x Botafogo, "...pela Super Tupy...", ads "Melagri,,o, Laboratorio Catarinense", OM ID "...Difusora..." 34333 MMP

4905, 26/05 0038, R. Relúgio, Rio de Janeiro/RJ, programa religioso with m'sica gospel, 34333 (Marcio M. Pontes - Registro/SP, Rx Icom IC R 70, Yaesu FRG 7700, Atx T2FD p/ 49 metros, radioescutas yg via DXLD) See also UNIDENTIFIED 4905

** CANADA. CHU back on 3330 at 0050+ but perhaps it never left as I mentioned in an earlier post. Moderate. // 7335 moderate. // 14670 S9+, not always heard well day or night. 28 June. 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [and non]. Not many people wrote about this, but RCI is getting on for retirement, with just one daily hour in English to Europe left, and on a single Canadian frequency instead of the strong and reliable European relays (Stefano Valianti, Italy, Southern European Report, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Really? I guess you refer to 15235, which BTW also serves CNAm well off the back, but per EiBi the 20-21 UT hour to Europe is also on 11765-Sweden, and to WAF, which ought to be audible in Eu too, on 13650-Skelton and 17735 direct from Sackville. This info matches RCI's own schedule at <http://www.rciviva.ca/rci/PDF/RCI-TECH-A08-ENG.pdf> Checked at 2020 UT July 1, 15235 was good but 17735 barely audible, tho sometimes adequate. Or are you saying only 15235 is really on the air any more? 11765 is registered as 350 kW at 150 degrees from H^rby thru October (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Re 8-074: The question was asked about e skip into Manitoba. 97.1 at Gillam came up as a question. To the best of my knowledge it is still a relay of CJOB 680 Winnipeg. I spoke to a person in Gillam and they claim that is all the station carries. If you go to the AMANDX web site there is an up to date list of AM FM and TV Manitoba stations there. Hope this helps. 73 (Shawn Axelrod, MB, ODXA via DXLD)

** CHAD. 4905, RNT, N'djamena, 1 June at 2225 singing, French ID, NA and off at 2230, SIO 333 (Kevin O'Daly, Herts., July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

7120, R. Nationale, N'Djamena. According to the ID at 0539 in French, "Radio Nacional Tchadienne", news in French at 0600, songs from 0602, on 24/6 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

7120, fair with French talks 0640, drum music. Haven't heard them on this frequency for some years!, 28/6. Very strong 2157 with hi-life music, no sign of 4905; over co-channel VOA when had news 2159, 28/6 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW, Icom R75, Horizontal Loop, Dipole, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** CHINA. Guangxi Foreign Broadcasting Service verified through CRI in Beijing. They included a separate handwritten postcard thanking me for the report and indicting the QSL was enclosed which gave the address of the station as Guangxi Foreign Broadcasting Service, No. 75, Minzu Dadao, Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 530022, China. I sent a report direct to them but I am still waiting for a reply (Rich D'Angelo, PA, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** CHINA. 7935, CNR8 (presumed). Great signal (it was when I am asking for Eritrea on 8000 kHz) in vernacular at 1630 and // 9420, 9645, 9890 on 25/6 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** CHINA. Firedrake, barely audible on 17550, July 1 at 1412, presumably against V. of Tibet, whose frequency jumps around this area. Somewhat better Firedrake on 12260 at 1416, against Sound of Hope. I don't bother to relog all the usual Firedrake against RFA, etc. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA

** COLOMBIA. Re DXLD 8-035, 8-037, 8-057: unID Latin American on 2980:

I've posted three further audio clips to my folder from this presumed harmonic we first noted in March. These clips are from mid April, around 0800 UT (the file name provides exact time and date). The station would tend to play music through the top of the hour with no announcements until 2 to 5 minutes past the hour. Any help would certainly be appreciated. Regards, (Nigel Pimblett, Dunmore, Alberta, Canada, June 29, RealDX yg via DXLD)

Sounds like Radio Vida Nueva midway on the 0802 clip. The first phone number mentioned at 0810 is 366 07 33. It's listed for Radio Vida Nueva in the yellow pages for Barranquilla. So I guess we've spotted the right station (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, June 30, *ibid.*)

Thank you Henrik, for your fine job in definitively identifying this one. So it turns out your first suspicions in March proved to be correct. It's good to take this one off the unidentified list. Your help is much appreciated. 73, (Nigel Pimblett, AB, *ibid.*)

** COLOMBIA. 5910, Marfil Estereo, Lomalinda, 0602-0625, 25-06, canciones latinoamericanas, identificación: "Est. escuchando Nuevas Ondas de Paz, Marfil Estereo, HKI79 FM", "HKI79 FM, Marfil Estereo,

para todo el departamento del Meta". 45444. (Méndez)

6009.9, La Voz de tu Conciencia, Lomalinda, 0632-0645, 26-06, comentario religioso en español por locutor habitual, locutora. Por detrás se escucha Radio Mil con canciones latinoamericanas. 13221 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, escuchas realizadas en Camping de Reinante, costa del mar Cantabrico, provincia de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. 5965, REE via Cariari. Fair with Spanish ID and interval sig to 0800* on 12/6 (John Adams, Beech Forest Vic (JRC NRD-535, 24 Metre long wire), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

?? I thought they were still on 5964, as evidenced by het earlier with Vatican, and yes, still hetting around 0600 July 1 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Surprised to find CRI English relay on 13760 instead of 13740, July 1 at 1414 check and still at 1542. So it applies to both hours, 1400 and 1500. Nothing on 13740. 13760 had been in use for RHC itself until 1500. Usual poor modulation and much weaker than RHC on 13680. So is this a second-semester permanent change from 13740 to 13760 for CRI, or a mistake, or a temporary substitute with one transmitter down, or what? Time may tell (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. 6100, R. República via Rampisham. Good at 0218 with Spanish ID on 13/6. Much better than the 6155 outlet at 0200* which was just above the noise level (John Adams, Beech Forest Vic (JRC NRD-535, 24 Metre long wire), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

These should have been just the same from same site with same antenna, same power (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. 5955, *0100-0125, CLANDESTINE, 25+28.06, R. República, via Nauen, Germany, Spanish ID, talk about Cuba and Colombia, interview about internet, 54554; still on 5955 until 30.06! Different program on 6155! (Anker Petersen, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 m longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** CUBA [and non]. Please find listed below NEW information, which I recently received from the Cuban ICRT. I also would like to thank Bill Hepburn for sending the Cuban information he had available from the ITU. That information in itself didn't help much, BUT, coupled with the Cuban information I already had and also the new database that was emailed to me from the Cuban ICRT a few weeks ago, things have really started to come together. Currently, there are 270 LICENSED full power

fm's and low power relay stations on the air in Cuba.

In addition to that, I recently received the LATEST database from the Haôti Conatel (licensing authority) and suddenly, I am developing quite a list of ACTIVE LICENSED French & Creole FM's operating in Haôti. There are currently 225 LICENSED full power FMs and low power community stations in Haôti.

A few notes: the supposed *translator* [or 'pirate'] on 92.9 in Cuba that relays Radio Taïno in actuality is a LICENSED station. See below. If you've heard Radio Taïno on 92.9, CMCQ is the station you've heard.

For anyone reading this, IF you've encountered any UNided Cuban or Haitian FM stations, contact me OFFLIST and with the new dbase of information, I might just be able to help you solve those UNids. Now with new Cuban & Haitian FM information, I'm feeling the pressure to consider a new edition of "Emisoras de FM". Hmmm..... JimT Colorado

Nick Langan's Cuban DX:

> 2220, 92.9, unID Spanish (most likely Radio Taïno from Cuba)
*** CMCQ Alquizar HAB 3.162 kW Radio Alquizar "Radio Taïno" relay
(Alquizar is 25 miles southwest of downtown Cd. Habana)

> 2314, 95.3, Radio Enciclopedia Camag,ey, Cuba, 1300 RDS
*** CMIG Ciego de ;vila CDA 3.162 kW "Radio Enciclopedia" relay
(R. Enciclopedia's primary signal originates from Cd. Habana at 94.1)

> 2319, 91.1, CMDQ Colûn, Cuba, 1253 // 95.3, R. Enciclopedia
*** CMDQ Colûn MAT 1 kW "Radio Llanuras" // R. Enciclopedia 94.1

> 2320, 90.3, ???? Cuba // 95.3 R. Enciclopedia
*** CMNP Pilûn GRA 1 kW "Radio Pilûn" // R. Enciclopedia 94.1
(Jim Thomas, CO, June 30, mrradiohead @ wdemail.com WTFDA via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. HCJB, 6050, 0338 28 May, slow English on ``Filmaid`` for regugees, SIO 333 (David Gascoyne, Kent, July BDXC-Communciation via DXLD) So the Spotlight show on the Vozandes Spanish domestic service is reconfirmed at 0330-0345 UT Wednesday, probably Tue-Sat, just after 0315 airing on external `Spanish` service 9745 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Andean music: see U S A. KOOP

** EGYPT. A new GE75 file, #119, is out from 24 June:
http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/publications/brific-ter/files/ge75/2008/GE75_119.pdf
It contains a.o. quite a number of requirements from Iraq and Egypt
(Olle Alm, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

All EGY entries seem to be repetition of existing stations, just with

low powers. Does anyone understand what the reason is for coordinating these? Only new is Sohag 1467 kHz and it is already on 1476 kHz, also marked for modification but not deletion! (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA ECUATORIAL. 6250, Radio Nacional, Malabo, 0515-0606, 26-06, canciones, locutor, español, "Estamos en la jornada del día 26 de Junio de 2008 en la sintonía de Radio Malabo". A las 0600 noticias. 24322 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, escuchas realizadas en Camping de Reinante, costa del mar Cantábrico, provincia de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 8000, Eritrea (presumed). In vernacular, jammed. Observed at 0559 with close/down and at 1659 again with close down on 24/6 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. R. Ethiopia National Service, A-A, 5990, 2030 16 June HOA-type songs and instrumentals, announcements in presumed Amharic, // 7110, SIO 343 (Tony Rogers, Birmingham, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

9704.2, R. Ethiopia National Service, 1830 18 June, long talk // 5990, 7110, vernacular, SIO 242 (Steven Howie, ibid.)

9704.2, 19 June 1432 news in English to 1440. 1459 ID, IS,, then vernacular, very difficult copy with Bulgarian DRM on 9695-9700-9705, het 9705 [NIGER, q.v.], SIO 411 (Alan Pennington, ibid.)

9704.2, 18 June 1945, Ethiopian music // 7110, 5990, SIO 222 (Dave Kenny, ibid.)

** ETHIOPIA. Radio Ethiopia External Service heard here 0659 June 17 on 9559.8, interval signal, sign on announcements, talk in Somali. Fair signal and in the clear, faded down rapidly and by 0715 was weak, PBS Xixang on 9560 had also faded in and was dominant (Mike Barraclough, England, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** FAROE ISLANDS. Re 8-074: New transmitter on Akraberg 531 kHz to come. Since May 6th Kringvarp Faroya has been silent on this frequency. The old transmitter went down due to technical problems caused by old technology, and was irreparable. It was considered, that the best and cheapest solution was to install a new transmitter. This will come into temporary use during August, and installing the new transmitter will be completed during last quarter of 2008. Source: Hans Andor Johannsen, Kringvarp Faroya via mediumwave.info (25/6-2008) (via Ydun Ritz, DXLD)

It seems that Kringvarp F-roya has a notice about the break-down on their website:

http://www.uf.fo/les_tidindi.asp?Mode=Sendingar&Id=56313

The best view of the installation I found:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/SHSeerup/FRErne2007/photo#5090001947861271106>

The transmitter can also be seen in this collection of excellent photos, together with another antenna which I think is unrelated, probably belonging to an NDB:

<http://www.pbase.com/njh/akraberg>

And see also the archived news about all the hassle with PA stage tubes for the Brown Boveri transmitter from 1989/1990:

http://mediumwave.info/newsarchive_f.html#FAROEISLANDS

(Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GEORGIA. Abkhaz Radio observed schedule in June:

Daily 0400-0500, 0700-0720(not Sun), 1100-1120 on 9495, 9535, 1350;

Daily 1400-1500(Sun -1430) on 9495, 1350;

And relay R. Rossii on 9495 and 1350: M-F 0500-0700, Mon-Sat 1500-

1725; all times vary (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, July BDXC-UK

Communication via DXLD) see also ABKHAZIA, as we vacillate

** GERMANY. In reply to an e-mail from Don Rhodes, Heidi Lucas of DW Customer Service said, ``DW's objective is to do without shortwave, wherever possible, some day. But as far as I know, there are not yet plans to cease the German broadcasts for Australia. The future belongs to FM (via partner stations), satellite and above all to audio and video via the internet. Please do not forget: As long as DW has shortwave transmissions, we need reception reports`` (via BDXC member Don Rhodes, Australia, 18 June, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Today I received an EQSL from Media Broadcast for a report of the Lutheran World Federation broadcast via Wertachtal to Cameroons (Sawtu Linjilla) on 9655 kHz on 12 May 2008. You can see the wording of the email --- they are asking people to send reports via email over snail mail. This is a new development, and probably will result in faster responses from Media Broadcast. You might find the attached QSL interesting. Dan Henderson

Subject: WG: Recent Reception Reports

Dear Mr. Henderson, please excuse the delay but we become lots of mails and letters with reports and questions. Sometimes we are not able to answer the questions immediately.

Please find now attached the QSL-Card for your reception report which I forwarded to our customer too. In the future please send the reception reports exclusively by e-mail to QSL-Shortwave @ media-broadcast.com --- that's easier for us to handle. Thank you very much for your understanding. Best regards / Mit freundlichen Gr,flen, Sabine Gawol

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Betreff: Recent Reception Reports

Sir: During the past 2 months, I have sent the attached reception report to you in hopes of obtaining a verification for it. I also included a .mp3 file of the reception on a CD. So far, I have heard nothing from you or your staff. My question to you is: Did my report arrive at your location? If not, you will find it attached. I do hope that you will be able to honor my request, but if you need postage, please let me know and I will send via separate correspondence the postage that you require. Sincerely, Dan Henderson (June 30 via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. AFN W,rlzburg transmitter switched off --- Another June 30 closure: The FM outlet of AFN at W,rlzburg, on 104.9, has been switched off during the late afternoon or early evening. It had been fed by AFN Bavaria at Vilseck since February, AFN W,rlzburg bid its farewell already with their morning show on January 31.

Quite unclear is the situation with 1143. Some observers insist that

no mediumwave transmitter is on air at Schweinfurt anymore and this garrison is now served by the Wuerzburg mediumwave outlet, 30 km away, something on which I commented that if so Wuerzburg must run more than 300 watts now. And if so this Wuerzburg transmitter would have to stay on air as long as the Schweinfurt garrison exists, which will be the case for at least another couple of years (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Kai appends this post originally made January 13 in the dxldyg, but apparently not in DXLD: (gh)

An illustrated article about AFN Wuerzburg:

http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/sites/news/newspage_111.asp

It was a bit of a surprise to some observers that the wind-up of this operation is already under way, but in last October the Faulenberg barracks (also by the Americans usually referred to in German as Faulenberg-Kaserne) had been returned to the German side and the hospital of the US forces (which already in 2005 had been curtailed to a mere first-aid facility) closed down:

<http://www.army.mil/-news/2007/10/23/5710-faulenberg-returned-to-german-authorities/>

<http://www.army.mil/-news/2007/11/01/5878-wuerzburg-hospital-sounds-final-retreat/>

<http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=57182&archive=true>

And the large 128 hectare Leighton Barracks object, where the AFN studios are located, will be handed over to the responsible German body by next September, so its clearance must be under way by now. The Wuerzburg university already expressed its interest in establishing facilities there, outlined in this article which starts with a little hypocrisy: We were sorry to learn that the US forces will leave Leighton Barracks, BUT ...:

<http://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/sonstiges/meldungen/single/artikel/eine-chanc/>

Some sources say that 104.9 at Wuerzburg stayed at Leighton Barracks and had not been moved to the Frankenwarte site of Media&Broadcast from where 1143 and TV ch. 47 are operated. If so it would presumably go off first while the Frankenwarte transmitters could continue for a bit longer, but this remains to be seen (Kai Ludwig, Jan 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. 11645, Radio Philia (=Radio Friendship). Again on 11645 from 0600 in English with news; powerhouse level of signal already, maybe new outlet from Greece (// MW 666). They said: "and on medium waves 665 kHz" as it was in the 70s. On 25/6 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** GREECE. V. of Greece, 15650 at 0045. Barely audible, so checked against 9420. Sure enough, // 9420 and 7475 both good. 30 June. 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAITI. FM station info: see CUBA [and non]

** INDONESIA. 3345, 2116-2114 [sic], RRI Ternate (Maluku) Jun 29 0M talk Indonesian, SINPO 24322. 73's (Cleiber Andrade Jr., Conselheiro Lafaiete MG, Brazil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya (presumed), 1255-1306, July 1, usual program of non-stop indigenous music and chanting/singing, fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Did I point out that this unusually-named park, where Ron goes to escape local noise level, when not spelt backwards, translates loosely as ``Sea Refuge Beach`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. RUSSIAN PAPER DISMISSES MEDVEDEV'S CYRILLIC INTERNET PLAN | Text of report by heavyweight Russian newspaper Nezavisimaya Gazeta on 25 June

[Editorial: "Cyrillic phantom. What happens when political logic comes into conflict with technological logic"]

Speaking at the 10th World Congress of the Russian Press in Moscow, Russian President Dmitriy Medvedev casually let slip his plans regarding the future of the world wide web - the internet. They are impressive plans, albeit local in scale. Literally local, that is small-town scale. "I think we should do everything in our power to ensure that we are able to secure domain names on the internet in the future in Cyrillic," President Medvedev stated. As we know, he starts every morning by logging on to the net. Which is, in fact, what he was talking about.

The main regulatory organ today is the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, ICANN (Marina del Rey, California). Its mission covers setting parameters for internet protocols and controlling the system of domain names and root servers and the procedure for acquiring domain names. This right is formally delegated to ICANN by the US Department of Commerce, which in turn received it from the Pentagon. The contract between the Department of Commerce and ICANN was recently extended until 2011.

Russia has very few representatives on the ICANN committees. This is largely due to the fact that all the proceedings are in English. (For

information: Anyone with the appropriate level of technical knowledge can apply to take part in the work of ICANN's council of directors; in 2000 the total number reached 158,000)

The idea of introducing multi-language domain names on the net (internet addresses) has long kept certain politicians awake at night - mainly those from so-called developing countries: China, Brazil, South Africa, Iran, Saudi Arabia... And now comes Russia. There are more developed countries in that category too, it is true: Norway and Switzerland, for example. And the argument for all this is "the need to preserve cultural diversity on the internet". In other words, if you cannot type into a browser the three letters www in English, it does not matter. You should be able to write what you like in Russian, Yiddish or Swahili. Or, what's more, in Farsi, Norwegian or Chinese....

"Any attempt to demolish the existing administration of the internet will lead to the destruction of the net," so all more or less responsible experts, including those from the Russian Federation Ministry of Information Technology and Communications [renamed the Ministry of Mass Communications and Telecommunications in May 2008], declare with one voice. "The question of preserving the integrity of the net is a very important one. The net could easily be turned into a conglomerate of unconnected nets."

And suddenly we have a clearly articulated plan to separate from the English-language internet. Ideologically, this approach is entirely well-grounded: we only need to recall the home-grown concepts of "energy superpower", "liberal empire" or "sovereign democracy..." And this move to "fence in" our Cyrillic truck garden is being initiated precisely at a time when the country is seeing colossal demand for English lessons (and not just in the major capitals but in the provinces too). All this is nothing but a misconception of the idea of national self-identification in the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi: "Giving the masses a knowledge of English means returning them to slavery" (1908). What is the point of destroying the unified system of domain names?!

Technically, the idea of a Cyrillic internet is utterly impossible to implement. "Apart from satisfying the national ego, as if anyone needs to do that, this will achieve nothing," experts emphasize. Whereas it really would have value in cultivating the entirely legitimate national pride of Great Russians, since it acknowledges actual reality.

In a Rand Corporation report just published, entitled "Is the United States losing its edge in science and technology?", we read that the United States accounts for 40 per cent of world expenditure in science

and technology; 38 per cent of patents for new technology obtained by industrially developed countries; 37 per cent of the scientists living in industrially developed countries; 35 per cent of world scientific publications; and 49 per cent of the total number of citations from scientific works. Some 70 per cent of Nobel Prize-winning scientists and 66 per cent of the world's most actively cited authors of scientific works work in the United States.

We should get on and work, Gentlemen, and not mess around with Cyrillic phantoms. Source: Nezavisimaya Gazeta, Moscow, in Russian 25 Jun 08 (via BBCM via DXLD)

**** INTERNATIONAL WATERS. JOURNALIST PAUL HARRIS REMINISCES ABOUT RADIO NORTH SEA INTERNATIONAL**

Over the next few weeks, allmediascotland.com is to publish, each weekday, extracts from the memoirs of Scottish war correspondent, Paul Harris. 'More Thrills than Skills: A Half-life in Journalism', is being scheduled for publication next year. In his younger days, Paul Harris wrote several books on offshore radio. In today's extract, he reminisces about Radio North Sea International. Read the article: http://www.allmediascotland.com/articles/2762/01072008/more_thrills_than_skills_-_a_half-life_in_journalism_part_nine (July 1st, 2008 - 12:04 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

5 comments so far: 1 Mervyn Hagger July 1st, 2008 - 14:39 UTC
The political analysis of Paul Harris as it relates to MEBO, Radio Northsea International and the ill-fated PanAM flight are interesting because he loops it back through a Cold War plan constructed in Poland via a fleet of Communist radio broadcasting ships. The foundation for all of this seems to be a single Dutch newspaper article (allegedly based upon a leaked CIA report), and the personal observations of Mr. Harris which he claims were given by him to one of Britain's spy agencies. Over the years these words of Mr. Harris have been challenged and I have not seen any additional proof offered by him to support these challenges. Nevertheless they are intriguing since it would appear that the so-called 'British beat fleet' of the 1960s was in and of itself a byproduct of a faction of the British Establishment in conjunction with CIA interests. My most recent coedited findings regarding this matter were documented and published in 2007 as a part of New/Old Worlds: Spaces in Transition: The World Tomorrow radio broadcasts to the United Kingdom: 1965-1967?, Univers Enciclopedic, Bucharest. ISBN 978973637159-2.

2 Mike Barraclough July 1st, 2008 - 15:28 UTC
How does Federal US law apply to a Swiss Company? There's a lot more speculation about all this in his book To Be A Pirate King but nothing

that can be verified. As we have only recently seen in the Iraq War intelligence information is unreliable. The evidence linking Mebo to Lockerbie has also recently been discredited:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2007/sep/02/theairlineindustry.libya>
A second appeal is now to be heard.

3 Mervyn Hagger July 1st, 2008 - 15:43 UTC

Mike raises the basic problem with many of the pirate radio publications: lack of credibility via academic standards of reporting. Paul Harris originally published his first work shortly after the demise of the original offshore stations and his writings were mainly unverified and inaccurate newspaper cuttings strung together without footnotes, references or a decent index. However, in the RNI-PanAM linkage Paul claims first hand knowledge which makes him a central player more than a journalist. Even then Paul has yet to provide documentation to support his own claims and if he can do this by unmasking the people he claims to have been working with in British intelligence, that would at least provide us all with something to examine and unravel.

4 lou josephs July 1st, 2008 - 16:15 UTC

The problem is that no one anywhere has written a history of pirate radio. Clandestine radio is a far different thing and mixing the two appears to be the issue here.

5 Mervyn Hagger July 1st, 2008 - 16:28 UTC

Lou, you may be correct in referring to a single history (singular), but there are historical records meeting academic standards that have been published and which cover aspects of events. On the other hand clandestine radio and pirate radio sometimes merge into one and the same subject and again there are credible works that do exist to document aspects of this subject
<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/journalist-paul-harris-reminsces-about-radio-north-sea-international#comments>
(Media Network blog via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. V. of the Communist Party of Iran heard at new time 1559-1744 on 3881 and 4366 kHz, both jammed (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** IRAQ. MW station plans: see EGYPT

** ISRAEL. Galei Zahal, 6973.00 at 0244 with strong S7 signal. Rare that it's on frequency. 30 June. Noted on frequency by Wolfgang Bueschel and Jari Savolainen about 19 June. 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. Radio Maria audible in Hull at 1652 UT on 26 MHz AM at about

7 s.points. Quite a bit of noise and fading. Programme appears to be a phone in (Russ Cummings, England, AOR 7030+, 60' long wire, June 20, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD) i.e. 26000 kHz. Was the noise caused by its own DRM centred at 26010? (gh, DXLD)

Radio Maria, Italy 250 watts heard well here June 27 in AM on 26000, DRM on 26010, Sporadic E propagation, strong steady signal 0935 to past 1105 (Mike Barraclough, England, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** ITALY [and non]. QSL manager per Radio Maria WF

Radio Maria World Family ha deciso di attrezzarsi per rispondere ai rapporti di ascolto in modo organico. Per questo, in accordo con il presidente di Radio Maria WF Emanuele Ferrario il direttore del WF Network Claudio Re, ho iniziato a fare il QSL manager della radio. Naturalmente su base assolutamente volontaria. Al momento sono state predisposte le conferme per Radio Maria Nederland su 675 kHz e la stazione sperimentale di Andrate sui 26000 kHz AM e 26010 kHz DRM.

L'indirizzo di posta elettronica È [qsl @ radiomaria.org](mailto:qsl@radiomaria.org) Nel caso preferiate una conferma cartacea potete anche scrivere al mio indirizzo personale: Giampiero Bernardini - via Tertulliano 35 - 20137 Milano - Italia. Ma in questo caso È gradita la risposta pagata meglio con un francobollo da 60 centesimi allegato (65 centesimi in Europa)

Sono sempre graditi gli audio clip. Radio Maria È molto interessata a conoscere la qualità di ricezione e nel caso del DRM la qualità e la continuità dell'audio. In questo caso il Log del software Dream È sicuramente un dato molto gradito. Ciao (Giampiero Bernardini, QSL manager Radio Maria WF <http://www.radiomaria.org/> <http://www.radiomaria.nl/> playdx yg via DXLD)

** KASHMIR. Re All India Radio Kargil, 684 kHz, recently? raising power to 200 kW? This was logged last October on the Sheigra [Scotland] DXpedition. See report via articles index page at <http://www.bdx.org.uk> (Tony Rogers, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH [non?]. 13665, KBS World Radio, 2129 28 May, announcements, English, off at 2130, SIO 122. Transmitter product of 3955? (David Gascoyne, Kent, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Don't see how those frequencies could be related (gh, DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. 5964.93, Klasik Nasional FM via RTM, 1307-1335, July 1, in vernacular, RTM Kuala Lumpur news (news only is // 7130 Sarawak FM via RTM, which was almost fair under CNR-2/CBR), EZL ballads, "Klasik Nasional" and singing "Klasik Nasional" IDs, reception almost good.

Asyik FM on 6049.63 also doing very well today (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 4800, XERTA, Radio Transcontinental de Am rica, M xico DF, 0504-0608, 25-06, canciones religiosas en espa ol, locutora, identificaci n en ingl s: "X. E. R. T. A. Radio", identificaci n en espa ol, "XERTA, gracias por su sinton a". Buena se al. 35433 (Manuel M endez, Lugo, Espa a, escuchas realizadas en Camping de Reinante, costa del mar Cant brico, provincia de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Have been listening out for the Mexican on 6104.9 but only weak carrier noted here so far. One of these days I might be lucky. 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Re 8-074, 92.9 XHYUC, ``pirinola``??

Perinola --- De Wikipedia: Perinola (juego): pasatiempo recreativo que se juega con una pieza peque a la cual tiene lados marcados con posibilidades. http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perinola_%28juego%29 (Horacio Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA. 12085, Voice of Mongolia in English at new time already 1030-1057, ex 0930-1000 and another broadcast in English will be at 1530 on 12085. Reported on 26/6: 0930 in Mongolian, 1000 in Chinese and from 1030 English, 1057 close/down of transmitter (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** MOROCCO. 9575, 26/06 0020, R. Medi Un, Nador, m sica Arab/English, YL talk about music with men a, a "Casablanca" e "Marrakesh" 35433 (Marcio M. Pontes - Registro/SP, Rx Icom IC R 70, Yaesu FRG 7700, Atx T2FD p/ 49 metros, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 9730.76, R. Myanmar, Yangon. Extended use of this frequency, Burmese MOR songs 1055, announcements. In Burmese. Quite good. Rechecked at 1330, and it was still there, but under VOA English. Rarely heard outlet here   last observed during a summer E layer midday opening a couple of years back, 28/6 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW, Icom R75, Horizontal Loop, Dipole, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** MYANMAR/BURMA. 9730.73, Myanma R, 1505, June 30, Bamar (or similar) female talk, brief musical fragment to 1512:37 carrier off. Clear frequency after co/channel CRI closes 1457, WRTH Update says this is their Minorities & Educational service, ex 5040. Fair, definitely better than on previous days here (Martien Groot, Schoorl,

Netherlands, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR/BURMA [and non]. 9730.74, R. Myanma, 1347-1512*, June 30, in vernacular (assume Burmese Service), long segments of talking with no music till sign-off, one portion had talk about "environmental" issues (the English word used many times), indigenous instrumental music at sign-off, QRM splatter from adjacent stations till 1357, then in the clear, signal gradually improving to almost good reception, not // 5985.0. Am grateful to Victor Goonetilleke of Sri Lanka for his tip for the sign-off time. Myanmar has still not returned to their pre-cyclone frequency of 5040.6, but did hear AIR-Jeypore on 5040.0 today from 1255-1315, in vernacular with subcontinent music and songs, fair-poor reception. Jeypore usually not heard this well (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Ron, I have discussed this with Victor and Alan Davies, and Alan suggests this is the Minorities and Educational services programming, which has been moved from 5040 to 9730 kHz. I have tried my best to catch an ID, but the signal is too poor and the Burmese IDs are not the easiest ones. Do you hear it well? 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, via Ron Howard, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Hi Mauno, Heard them with a decent signal, but programming consisted of a series of long talks and did not hear anything sounding like an ID until 1511, when there was a short announcement before they played some indigenous instrumental music at sign-off. Sorry I could not make out an ID. If this is the Minorities and Educational services, then perhaps one day they will broadcast an English language lesson, which in the past I occasionally heard on 5040.6. That would be a strong indication that this is the Minorities and Educational services. Thanks for your feedback! (Ron Howard, ibid.)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. RN Spanish service is adding a new frequency from July 5, 7325 at 2359-0157 via GUIANA FRENCH, 250 kW, 196 degrees (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGER. 9705.0, LV du Sahel, Niamey, presumed, 1504 19 June, drums, French talk, local music plus phone-in. Best in USB. QRM after 1555 form KBS World Radio, SIO 232 (Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

9705, 2025-2033, The Voix du Sahel, Niamey, Jun 30 vernacular music, woman speaking in French. SINPO 35333. Kenwood R1000, Long Wire 25m/9:1. 73's (Cleiber Andrade Jr., Conselheiro Lafaiete MG, Brazil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. VON, 9690, 1015 18 June, comment on poiverty in Nigeria, English, SIO 232 (Dave Kenny, England, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Also 1548 8 June YL with talk, ID, vernacular (Edwin Southwell,

ibid.)

** NIGERIA. LACK OF FUNDS AFFECTS FRCN OUTPUT

From Segun Awofadeji in Gombe, 06.28.2008

<http://www.thisdayonline.com/nview.php?id=115455>

Director-General of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, (FRCN), Mr. Ben Egbuna has said that in as much as the Corporation was determined to offer effective and efficient services to Nigerians, paucity of funds and obsolete equipment remains the major factors militating against it.

Fielding questions from newsmen in Bauchi, Egbuna regretted that the Corporation was still faced with the problem of obsolete equipments. He said, as it is now, we have transmitters that are as old as 40 years which are also analogue while everything in the world has gone digital.

The FRCN Boss also lamented that the lack of the modern broadcast equipment have negatively affected the services of the Corporation adding that this can be noted in its poor revenue generation capacity because according to him no advertiser will want to place his advert in a not too stable broadcast.

He however, said the Corporation has done its best to stay above board, pointing out that few new modern broadcast equipment have been procured and installed.

He added that the problems faced by the Corporation was that, our men here are still learning how to manage the equipments as soon as they are done our broadcast quality will definitely improve.

On the FRCN Zonal Stations in Ibadan and Enugu, the Director-General declared that, these are dead because of lack funds to replace the equipments that have gone completely bad, the only short wave station still on air is Kaduna, that too is down for now due to damage to the transmitter by rainstorm, but our engineers are right now there trying to fix it and very soon it will come back on air.

While reacting to complaints by some individuals and political parties over converges he said, people must complain because you cannot satisfy everybody, we have done our best to ensure that the code of political broadcast was strictly adhered to. We give equal air time to all political parties and to our credit, INEC and others gave us commendation for the fair but accurate coverage of the last general elections.

The Director General then assured that the Corporation will ensure

that Nigerians and other listeners of the network all over the world got the best quality programming that they desired just as he added that from now on FRCN will prove that it is the largest network in Africa (via Kim Elliott, DXLD)

** OMAN. 15140, R. Sultanate of Oman, tentative, 1435 15 June, announcements, music with rap, more music, English, SIO 151 (David Morris, Dorset, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. 11565, R. Pakistan, Islamabad. At new time 1500-1514 with news and comment in English, reported also on 9385, poor on 4790 and no signal was on 15625 on 24/6 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3335, Radio East Sepik (presumed), 1233-1250, July 1, in English, coverage of a session of Parliament (assume was recorded), speeches ("Thank you Mr. Speaker and honorably members Ö ") about the responsibilities of Parliament and intergovernmental relations, fair-poor, 1250 into C&W song.

3385, Radio East New Britain, open carrier July 1, with no audio (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5014.34, 0125-0247* 26+27.06, R. Altura, Cerro de Pasco, Spanish, lively conversation, Andean pop songs, jingles, closing announcement, 35333. Turkmenistan is faded out around solstice here, thus R Altura is audible AP-DNK

6173.87, 0030 27.06, R. Tawantinsuyo, Cusco, just an open carrier - no audio. It was heard strong a week before! (Anker Petersen, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** PERU. RARA QSL dal PERU !!! Ciao! Radio San Nicol·s, 5470.8 kHz - Pasaje Hilario LÚpez 111 - entrada del "Hotel Gr·ndez" - San Nicol·s - Prov. Rodrİguez de Mendoza - Per· con e-mail da abraham_15_1 @ hotmail.com in 14 giorni. V/s: Abraham Valcazar Grandez. Sent 1 IRC. (Roberto Pavanello, Italy, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** PERU. Another verification was received from Radio Manantial, this time through postal means, with a frequency only letter, no data card that appears to be a contribution form (large and pocket size), and a very nice 5.5 x 3.75 inch colorful hanging wall tile of Huancayo peasants, all from Pastor Leoncio Paco Conce (Rich D'Angelo, PA, July Australian DX News via DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. Re 8-074, Dear Glenn, ¿ propos the DX item re RTP 1 on band I being caught in your east coast, I confirm that

<http://www.rtp.pt> is inexplicably void of their list of channels, surely because of some mistake as they use include them all. I am awaiting an explanation from them on this regard.

However, <http://www.anacom.pt/template15.jsp?categoryId=1956> is another source, the radio/tv authority list. Once in that page, click on "Rede de Emissores - RTP 1" and the mainland transmitters list is shown: <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=42730>

The one in question is: Muro 2 48,25 67

The frequency is the video one, not the FM carrier for audio. The 2nd list regards the RTP 1 relays, "retransmissores."

As to WRTH-TV section, editions 2006-2007-2008, particularly this year's case, the worst one, I know they've got mistakes but that was entirely a WRTH (wrong) decision when, as they said (to me), they chose to have all the TV sections prepared by Bernd Trutenau.

The WRTH even stopped including channel lists years ago, but then decided to include one this year, and in the Portuguese case (mainland), page 644, the person in question mixed RTP 1/RTP 2 with the priv. stn SIC, and then omitted TVI channels. Some location names are incorrectly written. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. BSKSA, 11935, presumed, huge buzz audio, wide, 1145 26 May, SIO 451 (Steven Howie, England, BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. The problem with Saudi Arabian transmitters reported last month continued and on June 2 the 15205 transmitter completely wiped out the 19 metre band again here as it is beamed straight at us. I emailed some observations to the High Frequency Co-Ordination Conference office, my email concluded:

I have been an active shortwave listener for over 40 years and this is the first time I have heard a transmitter causing this level of interference to other users.

I note that Saudi Arabian Radio and Television is a member of the HFCC. I would therefore ask that you contact them about this matter and request that these transmitters be taken off the air and repaired. Clearly the continued operation of these transmitters is against your main objective of efficient and economical use of the short-wave radio spectrum, and the improvement of radio reception of short-wave broadcast transmissions world-wide.

Checking June 9 and subsequently the problem had been cleared. I also later received an email from a member of their HFCC delegation asking me to confirm the transmitters were now causing no interference and requesting MP3/WAV files if the problem was still there (Mike Barraclough, England, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Checks on 7 June found all frequencies clear from buzzing sound. The second program in Arabic heard 0300-0555 on 9580, 9675 and after 0600 on 9675, 11855. English heard from 1000 on 15250 (under Taiwan plus jamming). Indonesian heard from 0900 on 21670. Swahili(?) heard from 0500 (or 0400) to 0655 on new [sic] 15285 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 15285, BSKSA, Riyadh. In Bambara/Swahili new time 0400-0655 on 25/6. 21670, BSKSA, Riyadh. In Indonesian at new time 0900-1100 on 2/6 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

WRTH 2008 showed B-07 skeds as 04-07 in Swahili only; 09-12 in Indonesian, and so does the May update for A-08 (gh, DXLD)

** SERBIA [non]. 6190, BOSNIA , International Radio of Serbia via Bijeljina, *2359-0034 Jun 27, IS and opening of English program with news bulletin. Italian program followed at 0030. Good signal (Rich D'Angelo, PA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD) Ha; I thought they had quit giving us Italian, just because it happens to be on the satellite schedule between two English broadcasts (gh, DXLD)

** SPAIN. PIRATA, 6278, Camping Radio, 1554-1600, escuchada el 29 de junio en inglés a locutor anunciando informes de escucha de diexistas desde Cataluña, ID iCamping Radio, posible anuncio de E-mail, emisión de música, SINPO 44444 (José Miguel Romero, Playa Poble Farnals (Valencia), España, Grundig Yacht Boy 80, Antena Telescópica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Información facilitada por Dario Monferini, Camping Radio es ex-Radio Barretina; seguimos teniendo piratona en España (José Miguel Romero, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Hola JMR0MERO, saludos desde la grandepista de Rimini. La Pirata UNID 6278 kHz en verdad es la antigua Barretina que después el RAID de la policía cambió de nombre y ahora emite desde un Camping aparcado en algún lugar de Catalunya !!!!! Y por depistar los bolludos policía anuncian emitir desde un camping de Croacia !!!!! LA INFORMACION ME LA PASÓ Mr. BARRETINA en el encuentro del DX Garraf. Ha ha ha ha ha El email es siempre lo de Radio Barretina !!!!! 73's Dario Monferini (via JMR2, ibid.)

Serías capaz, José Miguel, de irte con semejante maldad ante la "tombolicia" para denunciar esta situación? Imagino que no, en tanto te guste la radio a distancia, je, je. 3 hermano, (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, ibid.)

Saludos cordiales Ra'l, por supuesto que no, a mí me parece fantástico que en España se cuente con una emisora pirata. Las razones del cierre de Radio Barretina no me convencieron; eso de que protestaron la Marina Francesa no me convencieron para nada, de hecho en aquella frecuencia no encontré nada una vez que desapareció la emisora. Ya critiqué la decisión del cierre en el programa Distancia Desconocida; creo que el Ministerio de Industria tiene mucho trabajo en poner orden en la Frecuencia Modulada. Hay cientos y cientos de emisoras piratas y sin licencia emitiendo, pero para eso no tienen tanta celeridad.

A nivel de curiosidad hace unos tres años solicité al Ministerio de Industria español una licencia para emitir por Onda Corta; solicité una frecuencia para emisiones experimentales. Ellos me contestaron que no tienen potestad, hay que solicitarlo a la autoridad de la Comunidad Autónoma. Aquí tenemos 17 Comunidades Autónomas, otra mentira, ya que las concesiones para Onda Corta y Onda Media las concede la ITU, no los gobiernos locales ni nacionales. Espero pues que esta vez no busquen ninguna excusa para intentar cerrar Camping Radio; protestaré, protestaré y protestaré. Un fuerte abrazo (José Miguel Romero, Spain, ibid.)

De todos modos, Mr. Barretina le dio muchas pistas a los de Telecomunicaciones, retransmitiendo a R. L'Arboà y montando un space con información "sensible", etc. Espero y deseo que ahora sea más precavido y porque no decirlo, desconfiado. Cordialmente, (Tom's Méndez, QTH: El Prat de Llobregat-Barcelona, España, ibid.)

** SRI LANKA. SLBC heard on Sunday 8 June 0300-0500 on 9770 and 15745 (also announced 6005), with Christian programming. At 0357 they apologised for the lack of SLBC programming in English for financial reasons (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. New 15485, 1320-1330* CLANDESTINE, Friday 27.06, Southern Sudan Interactive Radio Instructions, via Meyerton. English schoolclass, ID, children song - 45434; broadcast here and not on scheduled 15760, heard // 12070 but delayed one minute AP-DNK Best 73, (Anker Petersen, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. GRIMETON RADIO/SAQ TRANSMISSION --- Did anyone hear this? Tried for it here on Cortes Island in British Columbia (relatively low local noise) with a modified SDR-14 (good down to about 5 kHz), but not a sign of it using a 16m circumference ALA100. At 0900 UT, there

may have been some slight hint of a carrier on 17.2 kHz with lots of FFT averaging, but pretty near imaginary. Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria, BC, Canada, June 29, MWC via DXLD)

Nick ñ I listened for both the 0900 and 1300 transmissions here in Yorkshire. There was a weak signal, but it was not good enough to copy. 73 (Andrew Brade, England, ibid.)

** SWITZERLAND. Re: ``The Monte Ceneri transmitter on 558 kHz will be shut down at the end of this month, so in all likelihood on June 30.``

Reportedly they now announce time and again on air that the mediumwave transmitter will be switched off tonight, June 30. I think I just heard such a mention in passing at 2218 (June 29 UT), with heavy interference from Romania, on despite listings of it signing off at 2000 UT (would be 1900 in summer). (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And so it happened, the transmitter has been switched off at 2200 UT (= 2400 CET) sharp. Links to recordings see at <http://forum.mysnip.de/read.php?11947,560930,page=2> (Kai Ludwig, Germany, UT July 1, ibid.)

Rete UNO non c'È pi~ in onde medie sui 558 kHz. Si È spenta dignitosamente Radio Monteceneri 558 KHz, sulle note di Lionel Hampton, in diretta dal festival jazz di Ascona. Ecco la registrazione degli ultimi 5 minuti: http://www.hb9gce.ch/RSI_558_30.6.2008_2355_Last%20transmission.mp3 Saluti a tutti (Andrea <http://www.hb9gce.ch> via Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** SWITZERLAND. RADIO SUISSE ROMANDE 765 kHz CONTINUA A TRASMETTERE!

Ciao! L'amico Christian Ghibaudo ha contattato Radio Suisse Romande per chiedere se chiuderanno anche loro le onde medie 765 kHz? La risposta È che per il momento (2008) l'emettitore su 765 kHz continuerà a trasmettere ed allietare gli ascoltatori Svizzeri ed Europei Davvero "bizzarro" che chiude il servizio Italiano di Radio Svizzera sulle medie [558] e gli altri due (Francese e Tedesco) continuano tranquillamente. ... Dario Monferini

Ecco il messaggio originale ricevuto da RSR : Pour la suite de l'Émetteur de RSI sur 558 kHz, j'ai envoyÉ un mail à la Radio Suisse Romande pour la fréquence de 765 kHz; j'ai eu la réponse suivante:

Cher Monsieur, Merci de l'intérêt que vous portez à nos programmes.

Certaines menaces planent en effet sur l'Émetteur de Sottens que vous

Écoutez. Il semble possible que cet Équipement ne rÉponde plus aux nouvelles normes en matiÈre de rayonnement dit "non-ionisant". Une importante campagne de mesures est en cours. Elle prendra plusieurs mois et nous devons envisager, en fonction des rÉsultats, l'avenir de cette installation. Quoi qu'il en soit, aucune dÉcision ne sera prise avant une annÉe ou deux ans, au minimum.

Meilleurs messages, Fabrice Junod, Directeur technique RSR

Donc, pour le moment, 765 reste sur les ondes. Bizarre la dÉcision de la RSI, restera seulement le franÁais et l'allemand sur l'AM depuis la Suisse (Christian Ghibaud, ibid.)

Sez 765 is also threatened with closure due to perceived electromagnetic radiation hazards, but no decision will be made for at least a year or two (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SYRIA. R. Damascus back on SW, noted 7 June with a strong carrier, 8 June with programming as usual: 1600 Turkish, 1700 Russian, 1805 German, 1905 French, 2005 English on 9330 and traces on 12085 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. RTI ends French through Family radio --- So much for French Guiana, Quebec and millions of French speaking people in the Americas.

<http://french.rti.org.tw/Content/WhatsNewSingle.aspx?ContentID=57418>

Suppression de certaines frequences

La direction de RTI a decide de supprimer la diffusion des programmes du service francais prise en charge par notre relais Family Radio. Seules les friquences pour la diffusion entre 19 h et 20 h temps universel (6045 kHz [Rampisham UK] vers l'Europe et 11755 [Issoudun, France] vers l'Afrique) seront maintenues. Cette suppression sera effective a partir du 1er juillet. Nous nous excusons d'avance des consequences disagreeables leies a cette decision.

Service francais, RTI.

<http://french.rti.org.tw/Content/WhatsNewSingle.aspx?ContentID=50082>

Nouvelle equipe

L'annee 2008 vient de deibuter. Le service francais de Radio Taiwan International vous fait part, ` cette occasion, de l'arrivee de Xavier Mehl. Il rejoint ainsi Typhaine Li, Meg Wang, Fabien Bourcy et Frangois-Xavier Boulay. La nouvelle equipe vous adresse ` nouveau tous ses voeux et espere continuer de vous servir au mieux.

Service frangais, RTI (via Dan Say, BC, June 30, DXLD)

Sic ñ instead of trying to fix up all the accents, I am leaving this as received, modified by optical scanning?

I cannot find an equivalent announcement on their English pages. The frequency schedule still includes effective until October, the WYFR relays to NAm, 5950 and 9680, which were earlier reported to be ending as of July 1! <http://english.rti.org.tw/0thers/Frequencies.aspx>

RTI won't tell us, and won't allow WYFR to tell us, either. What disagreeable consequences. Please check out these known relays via WYFR on June 30 [already July 1 in Taiwan]-UT July 1-2 to confirm whether they are gone:

Europe
2200-2300 15600

North America
0200-0300 9680 Midwest, 5950 East Coast
0300-0400 5950 West Coast
0700-0800 5950 West Coast

South America
0300-0400 15215

Will not be surprised if the frequencies remain on the air with WYFR programming instead, in order to maintain them. And what else is going off? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

German, too, as shown at
<http://german.rti.org.tw/0thers/Frequencies.aspx>
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Zeit: UTC*	Frequenz	Senderstandort
1900 - 2000	6185 kHz	Skelton, GB
2000 - 2100 *	15600 kHz *	Okeechobee, USA * [means VSA]
2100 - 2200	3965 kHz	Issoudun, Frankreich
0600 - 0700 *	7780 kHz *	Okeechobee, USA *

* wird ab 1. Juli 2008 eingestellt! (RTI via DXLD)

RTI still going via WYFR, UT July 1 at 0217 on 9680, better here than 5950, despite announced plan to drop English to NAm as of July 1. Maybe this will be gone UT July 2. I listened to the last dekaminute until 0300 in case they said anything, but no, and ran usual closing announcement with full English schedule ``every day`` as if nothing were wrong; while 9680 went into WYFR Spanish at 0300, 5950 restarted

the RTI English broadcast, now with better signal. RTI's German and French language web pages say those relays via WYFR are terminated, but nothing about the same on the English pages (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Observed the following on July 1, 2008:

0158 UT - 5950 had Family Radio programming in English with closing announcements. 9680 had just a carrier

0200 UT - Both 5950 and 9680 had RTI in English. No mentions of closure of English on WYFR frequencies to North America, South America, or even Europe for that matter.

As I type this at 0308 UT, 9680 has Family Radio en Español while 5950 has RTI in English again. Nothing heard on 15215 yet; I rarely hear that frequency in my location anyway. 73, (Jon Pukila, location unknown, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The 2200 English to Europe on 15600 is still on the air July 1. Altho at 45 degrees, it's fairly well heard here, so that may be staying even if the 0200, 0300 and 0700 for NAM are gone from tonight (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Another WYFR observation: 7780 0600-0700, a former slot of RTI German, had this morning a programme of Family Radio in Portuguese ("at least it sounded like Portuguese") (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Guten Morgen, auf obiger Frequenz läuft seit 0600 UT WYFR in Portugiesisch (klingt jedenfalls so). Empfang mit 0 3 mit starken Rauscheinbr,chen (Jan Balzer, Germany? A-DX via Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

** TURKEY. VOT is building an English section on their website, along with 13 of the 29 other languages broadcast, to be available soon, as mentioned on Live From Turkey, July 1 at 1910 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Re 8-073, 8-074: BBC WORLD SERVICE: ROMANIAN LANGUAGE OFFERING TO CLOSE --- Tara Conlan, Thursday June 26 2008
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2008/jun/26/bbc.radio>

BBC World Service is to close its Romanian language offering after 68 years of broadcasting. The Romanian service will cease broadcasting from August 1 following a review of BBC World Service's language services and their funding.

Closing the Romanian service will save £1.3m a year at a time when the BBC said the World Service was operating within a "very tight

financial framework". The BBC said the decision had been made for financial reasons and after "consideration of audience need to continue broadcasts, the changing media landscape in Romania and the declining impact of the service".

Romanian listeners get a news and current affairs service that broadcasts for almost four hours a day on radio and also runs on a complementary website. The closure will affect 46 staff - 30 in Bucharest, Romania, four in Chisinau, Moldova, and 12 in London. This is the last of the BBC's non-English language services specifically aimed at countries that are EU members.

BBC World Service's funding settlement, agreed with the UK government and the BBC Trust, gave increased resources for new projects, such as television services for BBC Arabic and BBC Persian. But it also imposed a tough savings target of around 3% a year to meet rising costs of existing services.

The BBC also blamed the "scale of the competition in radio and all media" in Romania and the fact that several of the country's major FM stations no longer carry World Service output.

Broadcasts in Romanian for the Republic of Moldova will also cease, as the Moldovan side of the operation "cannot be sustained without the infrastructure of BBC Romanian".

BBC World Service director Nigel Chapman said it had been a tough decision to make. "Like the other European services we closed three years ago, BBC Romanian had its roots in the Second World War. It has served its audiences with distinction through the Communist era to the present day," Chapman said.

"The contribution of all BBC Romanian staff has been immense: serving Romanians with innovation and commitment for 68 years. We will strongly support their efforts to find alternative employment.

"The quality of the current output is of the highest standard. But Europe has changed, fundamentally, since the early nineties; and with the rapidly declining audiences in Romania we can no longer justify continuing the service."

The BBC axed 10 foreign-language services in 2006, part of a shift in emphasis that saw £19m pumped into its new Arabic TV news channel, which launched in March.

National Union of Journalists official Paul McLaughlin said: "It's a shock announcement, particularly given the fact people felt the service was safe. "Coming at the same time as the service's offshoring

plans it's completely unacceptable and we think it is the dismantling of the BBC World Service bit by bit." Copyright Guardian Newspapers Limited 2008 (via Dale Park, HI, DXLD)

** U K . Two programs on BBC Radio 4 this week. Each is heard M-F

Book of the Week === Cooke's Elections --- 30 June 2008

BBC North American editor Justin Webb introduces Alistair Cooke's famous Letters from America, broadcast during previous election campaigns over the past 60 years. (Cooke would be turning 100 this year.) http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/arts/book_week.shtml

Afternoon Reading === SOS - Save Our Souls

Short stories to mark the 100th anniversary of the international distress call.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/arts/afternoon_reading.shtml

(Fred Waterer, Ont., June 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. THE BBG AND PROPUBLICA ENGAGE IN A COLLOQUY

Joaquin Blaya, member of Broadcasting Board of Governors, to ProPublica: "ProPublica's 'investigative report' on Alhurra television is so lacking in depth and accuracy that it can only be defined as sensationalism. It is filled with inaccuracies and innuendo that draw the reader to erroneous conclusions." ProPublica responds with more questions. ProPublica, 30 June 2008. See previous post about same.

"ProPublica.org aims to make up some of the ground lost to journalism by the current crisis of advertising revenues bleeding to the internet. In particular, it seeks to preserve the skills and value of investigative reporting - one of the first casualties of cuts by dint of its relative costliness. It burst on to the US media scene last week with its first major investigation - an expose of how the US-backed Arabic language TV network Alhurra is counter-productive to US interests, poorly watched and a waste of \$500m of public money. The investigation was produced as a documentary and aired on the prestigious TV magazine 60 Minutes, causing ripples through Congress and shaking up the Bush administration-backed network." The Guardian, 30 June 2008.

"A significant portion of the funds being spent on the Iraq war should be redirected to help the satellite network al-Hurra disseminate ideas and information to Muslim hearts and minds in nations where there is so much hostility to U.S. foreign policy." Barry Dwork, letter to Washington Post, 30 June 2008. Posted: 30 Jun 2008 (See <http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=4333> for linux, via DXLD)

ProPublica's investigation of Alhurra does have weaknesses: 1) The small number of transgressions that it found during a lengthy monitoring period are not enough to brand Alhurra as biased. 2) The Alhurra audience sizes are not bad for a non-Arab competitor; using the "station you watch most often" as the only measure is particularly misleading. 3) ProPublica cannot prove that payments to contributors by Alhurra constitute government influence; there are similar public-funded but independent broadcasting corporations in Europe and elsewhere who pay contributors but are not dismissed as government propaganda (Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.*)

** U S A. 'Tuned' in WRMI on webcast, Monday June 30 at 1500 for scheduled HCJB DX Partyline as in WRMI grid, but instead heard a ``sorpresa musical`` from Radio Rep'blica, which continued past another WRMI ID at 1600. The music even repeated during the hour. (It was not the stuff on the unattributed Cuban music tests earlier in June.) What's going on? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: This is a one-time special transmission. The schedule is updated. Click on "Complete Program Schedule" on left side of page under Programs (Jeff White, WRMI, *ibid.*)

And back to normal sked Tuesday July 1, including WOR at 1530 (gh)

Jeff, OK, that's at <http://www.wrmi.net/program.php?id=94>
I had the old xls chart bookmarked, and I see it is still linked from another of your pages.

``Repeats of DX and other programs/Repeticiones de programas DX, etc.`` doesn't give the detail we need, so are we safe in assuming except for Monday's anomaly, the DX programs are still running as before during all the blox labeled that? And Viva Miami is now 7 minutes.

So it's WRN for 8 hours straight now? When did Overnight AM end?

From the OAM blog, <http://overnight.am/commentary/> looks like they were about to crash and burn earlier this month; no entries since June 6. Is that what happened? I see WRMI is still mentioned as an outlet, on their main page, and WBCQ coming up?

They also have this audio link for WRMI -- was that ever correct?
<http://www.talkstreamlive.com/listen.php?showid=3226>
73, (Glenn to Jeff White, *ibid.*)

Glenn: I really don't know what the status of Overnight AM is. He sort of disappeared after mentioning all sorts of technical and other

problems, so we replaced it with WRN from 2100-0000 UTC. He had said something about possibly going on WBCQ as well, but I don't know if that ever happened.

I believe that link did work at one time. As I recall, it was some sort of thing he did to re-route one of his links to ours. But that isn't the address for our stream.

Yes, the overnight repeats have stayed the same. The 7-minute Viva Miamis are "extras" that we're using to fill in spaces during that 0000-0100 hour on weekdays. The first VM each hour is usually English, the second one Spanish (Jeff White, WRMI, June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Checked the website <http://overnight.am/> June 30 at 1944, and WRMI is still listed as an outlet:

``HOLLOWFX Talk Radio Networkô We're the Next Generation of Talkô.

★ LISTEN LIVE RIGHT HERE

- o POPUP PLAYER - 32Kbps Dial-up Users
- o POPUP PLAYER - 64Kbps
- o Winamp / iTunes - 32Kbps
- o WRMI - Miami Florida [with this link:]

<http://www.talkstreamlive.com/listen.php?showid=3226>

- o TalkStreamLive.com

You can also hear HollowFX Talk Radio on TiVo, Windows Media Center inside the Live365/Talk section, Apple iTunes Radio/Talk and AOLradio/Talk via NullSoft Shoutcast, WRMI, WBCQ and coming soon-Renegade Talk Radio Network``

There have been no entries on their blog since June 6:
<http://overnight.am/commentary/>

However, several postings before then are telling, as they were about to crash and burn?? (Glenn Hauser, June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Overnight AM Redirection - Time to Stop Playing Games
June 2nd, 2008 admin Posted in broadcasting | No Comments ^a

Overnight AM was built to do one thing and that was to be offered up to the public as a replacement for the Art Bell abandoned Coast to Coast AM now hosted by George Norrey. But things are changingö

Honestly, ladies and gentleman, I'm sick and tired of having my civil liberties stripped away from me while attempting to be politically

correct in regard to all the people and subjects that I cover on Overnight AM. Some may consider this action and new direction to be a death blow to the program, but I feel like it is necessary to pursue the subject material in a realistic manner while taking the subjects seriously. Think about it, how can you take the subject of UFOs or alien abductions seriously without being able to ask hard, sometimes terminal, questions of the speaker or the guest? You can't. You have to go beyond the entertainment aspects and into straight forward talk and questions to get to the bottom of things and that is what we have in mind with Overnight AM. In short, we're cutting through the bull.

Art Bell was an informer. George Norry is an entertainer. Overnight AM and Lan Lamp here has been a little bit of both. But not now! Overnight AM is a no nonsense, in your face, fact finding vehicle for the human brain. This is our endeavor as of June 02, 2008. We can't be honest with you unless we're honest with ourselves first and foremost. As of today.. the gloves are off. And remarkably we've had three guest speakers cancel on us from the UFO field without explanation as to why. That's fine with us- just more fodder for the heaping pile of crap

Overnight AM and HollowFX Tighten Up the Act- and the Bandwidth
June 2nd, 2008 admin Posted in broadcasting | No Comments ^a

Overnight AM and the HollowFX Talk Radio Network are tightening up our act by removing public relay access to the live stream(s) of all the radio shows that you hear on the Internet coming from our audio feeds. Why? People, and start up internet feeds, are spoofing our bandwidth and relaying our audio feed on their own network(s) which means we are losing listeners as well as inventory used to promote our sponsors. Hey.. we're popular!

As of June 02, 2008 the Hollow FX Talk Radio network is no longer available for public relay. You must contact our studios to request a contract, username and password from Lamp Here Productions, LLC in order to relay our network feed. If you're interested in relaying the HollowFX Talk Radio Network please call 866-585-9734 Mon-Fri 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Central Time. This action will not effect terrestrial radio feeds as a different network is used for delivery.

Also, Modavox.com, VoiceAmerica.com and the new Renegade Talk Radio Network is now an authorized relay for the HollowFX Talk Radio Network & Lamp Here Productions, LLC. Lan

Overnight AM Inside The Top 25 Talk Radio Rpt. XXIV
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Overnight AM is gaining more popularity among listeners of other radio

programs. Overnight AM has only been monitored by TalkStreamLive for one month, and already we've made the top 25 list ranking with the likes of Bill O'Reilly, Rush Limbaugh and Tammy Bruce. Not bad for a start up show, starting back up! Thanks America! We appreciate your support!!

Posted on June 1, 2008 by talkstreamlive

Tammy Radio is #1 with a 20.6 share.

Program / Share

1	Tammy Bruce	20.6
2	Rush Limbaugh	7.0
3	Laura Ingraham	6.5
4	Michael Savage	5.7
5	Glenn Beck	4.1
6	Sean Hannity	3.6
7	Neal Boortz	2.5
8	Dennis Miller	2.0
9	Bill O'Reilly	1.7
10	Mark Levin	1.6
11	George Noory	1.6
12	Michael Medved	1.4
13	MANCOW	1.4
14	Monica Crowley	1.1
15	Dr. Laura	1.1
16	Dennis Prager	1.0
17	Bill Bennett	0.9
18	Rusty Humphries	0.9
19	IMUS	0.9
20	Hugh Hewitt	0.8
21	Mike Gallagher	0.6
22	Overnight AM	0.6 #####
23	The Right Perspective	0.6
24	Larry Elder	0.5
25	Art Bell	0.5

Survey Period: (3/1/2008 - 5/31/2008) Source: TalkStreamLive.com

You May Have Been Charged by PBRN

May 28th, 2008 admin Posted in broadcasting | No Comments ^a

Hello folks. Tonight I received notice that some listeners of Overnight AM, Hollow FX Radio Network, Dwight Schultz and Mr Don Ecker may have been charged as much as \$45.95 for a yearly subscription that does not exist anymore from the Patriot Brigade Radio Network. If you were charged, then you have already received your refund as Lamp Here

Productions, LLC canceled that account months ago but that didn't seem to much matter to the computers that are running PayPal.com.

The moment we found out about this we immediately called PayPal.com to find out what the problem was and restore the money that had been illegally taken from your bank accounts or charged to your credit cards. I'm not saying that PayPal.com did this on purpose because they did not. In fact, the problem laid inside some of the settings that we had created when we set up the subscription service. For that we apologize and we can almost promise that it will not happen again. I say almost promise because we thought the situation was under control to begin with and it turned out it wasn't. Again, we apologize for any inconvenience that you may have experienced due to our mistake but the problem has been corrected and your money returned. We hope you will not hold it against us.

(sic; via Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. WINB, 9264.96 at 0100+ with the Church of God Hagerstown, MD. Excellent signal, rarely heard here, presumably too close to transmitter. As the crow flies, Detroit is 400 miles from Red Lion. I also rarely hear WMLK at my QTH but they come in quite well 40 miles away at MARE's DXpedition site. 28 June. 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Sporadic E functions even down on 9 MHz (gh)

** U S A [non]. Summer A-08 WYFR Family Radio Relays. Part 1 of 2:

to South Asia

0000-0100	on	15195	TSH	300	kW	in	Taiwan	Hindi
0100-0200	on	15195	TSH	300	kW	in	Taiwan	English
1200-1300	on	11560	HUW	300	kW	in	Taiwan	Burmese
1230-1330	on	15340	DHA	250	kW	/	085	deg Bengali
1300-1400	on	15670	WER	500	kW	/	090	deg English
1300-1400	on	17715	DHA	250	kW	/	100	deg Telugu
1300-1400	on	17630	DHA	250	kW	/	100	deg Kannada
1300-1500	on	11560	HUW	300	kW	in	Taiwan	English
1300-1500	on	15350	NAU	500	kW	/	084	deg Bengali
1300-1500	on	15640	NAU	500	kW	/	095	deg Marathi
1400-1500	on	7215	IRK	250	kW	/	224	deg Nepali
1400-1500	on	9405	ARM	300	kW	/	110	deg Punjabi
1400-1500	on	9625	NVS	250	kW	/	180	deg Tamil
1400-1500	on	9595	DHA	250	kW	/	105	deg Marathi
1400-1500	on	12055	SAM	250	kW	/	117	deg Gujarati
1400-1500	on	12075	SAM	250	kW	/	140	deg Kannada
1400-1500	on	13590	SAM	250	kW	/	140	deg Telugu
1400-1500	on	15370	WER	500	kW	/	090	deg Telugu
1400-1500	on	15520	DHA	250	kW	/	090	deg Hindi
1400-1500	on	17715	DHA	250	kW	/	100	deg Tamil
1400-1600	on	7320	TCH	250	kW	/	240	deg English

1400-1600 on 7510 TAC 200 kW / 131 deg Bengali
 1400-1600 on 12065 ARM 300 kW / 110 deg Urdu
 1400-1600 on 15670 WER 500 kW / 090 deg Hindi
 1400-1600 on 15715 WER 500 kW / 090 deg Kannada
 1400-1700 on 5845 DB 100 kW / 137 deg Hindi
 1500-1600 on 6280 TSH 300 kW in Taiwan English
 1500-1600 on 9500 NVS 250 kW / 195 deg Urdu
 1500-1600 on 11505 ERV 300 kW / 100 deg Punjabi
 1500-1600 on 11560 HUW 300 kW in Taiwan Hindi
 1500-1600 on 11655 ARM 300 kW / 110 deg Marathi
 1500-1600 on 12075 SAM 250 kW / 140 deg Marathi
 1500-1600 on 13665 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg Marathi
 1500-1600 on 13820 WER 500 kW / 075 deg Urdu
 1500-1600 on 13830 WER 500 kW / 075 deg Gujarati
 1500-1600 on 13840 NAU 500 kW / 085 deg Punjabi
 1500-1600 on 15520 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg English
 1500-1700 on 15370 WER 500 kW / 090 deg Tamil
 1600-1700 on 6280 TSH 300 kW in Taiwan Hindi
 1600-1700 on 9735 ARM 300 kW / 110 deg Punjabi
 1600-1700 on 11505 ERV 300 kW / 100 deg Urdu
 1600-1700 on 11630 ARM 250 kW / 110 deg Punjabi
 1600-1700 on 11680 WER 500 kW / 090 deg Hindi
 1600-1700 on 11850 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg English
 1600-1700 on 12075 WER 500 kW / 075 deg Urdu
 1600-1800 on 11730 WER 500 kW / 075 deg Punjabi
 1700-1800 on 11680 WER 500 kW / 090 deg Nepali
 1700-1800 on 11970 WER 500 kW / 075 deg Urdu

to East Asia

0800-0900 on 11895 TAI 100 kW in Taiwan Korean
 0900-1100 on 9450 IRK 250 kW / 110 deg English
 1000-1100 on 7245 K/A 100 kW / 178 deg Japanese
 1000-1200 on 7430 A-A 200 kW / 094 deg Chinese
 1100-1200 on 9450 IRK 250 kW / 110 deg Korean
 1100-1500 on 6135 IRK 100 kW / 110 deg Chinese
 1100-1500 on 9865 P.K 250 kW / 263 deg Chinese
 1100-1500 on 11725 KHB 250 kW / 244 deg Chinese
 1100-1500 on 12150 A-A 500 kW / 094 deg Chinese
 1100-1600 on 9280 HUW 300 kW in Taiwan Chinese
 1100-1600 on 6240 PAO 100 kW in Taiwan Chinese
 1200-1300 on 5970 K/A 250 kW / 213 deg Korean
 2100-2200 on 7435 PAO 100 kW in Taiwan Chinese
 2100-2400 on 9280 HUW 300 kW in Taiwan Chinese
 2200-2400 on 6230 PAO 100 kW in Taiwan Chinese

to South East Asia

0000-0100 on 11630 PAO 100 kW in Taiwan Vietnamese
 0000-0100 on 11865 PAO 100 kW in Taiwan Indonesian

0900-1100 on 9465 PAO 100 kW in Taiwan English
 1000-1100 on 9900 IRK 250 kW / 152 deg English
 1100-1200 on 9900 VLD 250 kW / 220 deg Ilocano
 1100-1200 on 11520 PAO 100 kW in Taiwan Tagalog
 1100-1200 on 11550 TNN 250 kW in Taiwan Indonesian
 1100-1300 on 13850 VLD 200 kW / 220 deg Tagalog
 1200-1300 on 7460 PAO 100 kW in Taiwan Vietnamese
 1200-1300 on 9465 IRK 250 kW / 152 deg Cebuano
 1200-1300 on 11520 PAO 100 kW in Taiwan Indonesian
 1200-1300 on 11895 IRK 250 kW / 180 deg Vietnamese
 1200-1300 on 15490 NVS 250 kW / 155 deg Indonesian
 1200-1400 on 9615 IRK 250 kW / 180 deg Indonesian
 1300-1400 on 11520 A-A 200 kW / 132 deg Burmese
 1300-1400 on 11520 PAO 100 kW in Taiwan English
 1300-1400 on 11895 IRK 250 kW / 180 deg English
 1300-1400 on 13810 A-A 500 kW / 121 deg English
 1400-1500 on 9365 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg English
 1400-1500 on 9585 PAO 100 kW in Taiwan Vietnamese
 1400-1500 on 9615 IRK 250 kW / 180 deg English
 1400-1500 on 13810 A-A 500 kW / 121 deg Indonesian
 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, July 1 via DXLD)

** U S A. WRCI-990, ex-WLGZ --- WRCI-990 in Rochester, NY is not a relay of Radio Canada International (Canada's shortwave service), but religious format, ex-WLGZ. Noted at 0901 with gospel songs and IBOC-flogging ToH ID "WRCI and WRCI-HD, Rochester's Christian radio". Dear God, in Jesus' name please smite IBOC dead!! 73 (Mike Brooker, Toronto, ON, June 30, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Crawford Broadcasting, which owns WRCI, is one of the IBOC true believers, which means this one (and their other AMs, such as WPTR 1540 and the 560/810/1220 in Denver) will probably be hashing away for some time to come.

That said, WRCI is *so* directional at night that the signal is not clean enough to decode audio here at my QTH, less than a mile south of the Rochester city line, after dark. Even in daylight it can be a tricky catch. I can null the IBOC sidebands almost completely at night here.

The flip from "Legends" // WLGZ-FM happened at about 0010 this morning, btw. s (Scott Fybush, ibid.)

That is a pathetic signal. When will Crawford and the other IBOC believers realize that this technology does not work and it is time to cut their losses? It also worth noting that the 990 Rochester analog signal gets out very well and dominates the channel here at night when Providence-990 is off due to technical or financial problems.

Milspec390 for President! (Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis, MA
<http://hometown.aol.com/midcapemarc/myhomepage/profile.html> ibid.)

Meaning pvz == Paul Vincent Zecchino, which reminds me, have not seen any postings from him in months. Is he OK, or just been banned from the lists I read? (gh, DXLD)

The 990 Rochester analog signal is no better than the digital, actually. Because the station came to the 990 spot on the dial so late (1979, moving from a daytimer on 680 in a deal negotiated with Canada to allow CFTR to change transmitter sites and boost power), it ended up with a six-tower site about 18 miles west of downtown Rochester and a night pattern that's a narrow beam aimed east. If you're within the beam - the north side of Rochester, or, evidently, Cape Cod - the Rochester signal's a flamethrower. If you're south of the beam, as I am by just a few miles, it doesn't exist. I literally cannot get a completely clean analog signal from 990 Rochester at night here. That's not a failing of IBOC, just a signal that probably should never have been shoehorned in where it was. s (Scott Fybush, NY, NRC-AM via DXLD)

OK, I stand corrected & thanks for info, Scott. But I still hate IBOC! :-) (Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis, MA, ibid.)

**** U S A. A CORKER AT JUNE'S NATIONAL MEDIA REFORM CONFERENCE**
By Richard S. Towne, KUNM General Manager

Bill O'Reilly (Fox News) called the 3,000 people who attended last month's National Media Reform Conference "fascists," "loons," "unstable people Ö doing a lot of damage to America," "lunatic left," "stridently anti-American," and "loons." Too bad he lumped a bird species in there. That's just not fair to the loons. But fairness has never been an issue for Fox.

The conference took place across three days in Minneapolis. If it gave Mr. O'Reilly this much heartburn, something really good was going on. Bill Moyers (PBS) uncorked a mighty speech at the conference. Moyers called media reform movement "the most significant citizens' movement to emerge in this new century."

Moyers with passion, "You couldn't find a more revealing measure of the state of the dominant media today than the continuing ubiquitous presence -- on the air and in print -- of the very pundits and experts, self-selected ãmessage multipliers of a disastrous foreign policy, who got it all wrong in the first place." At the root of this crisis, Moyers said, is media consolidation.

"As conglomerates swallow up newspapers, magazines, publishing houses

and broadcast outlets, news organizations are folded into entertainment divisions. The news hole in the print media shrinks to make room for ads, celebrities, nonsense and propaganda, and the news we need to know slips from sight."

Bill Moyers' speech is watchable on YouTube. Or read it, along with Dan Rather's speech, at FreePress.net. The Free-Press site is rich with all kinds of material from the conference. Their site is unbelievably comprehensive. There is even an intense video of Moyers face-to-face smackdown with the producer that O'Reilly sent to get video at the conference. Moyers wants Rupert Murdoch to get in the game.

The media reform movement is not a new arrival. Track it back in time to FCC Commissioner Nicholas Johnson (1966 ñ 1973) and his well-known book How to Talk Back to Your Television Set. But now, the media reform movement is getting bigger by the minute. And when people with the proportions of Moyers and Murdoch and Rather and O'Reilly are batting the ball around, media reform is moving to the big leagues.

If you want another indicator of the national interest in media reform, consider this: FreePress.net was launched in 2002 by three people ñ Josh Silver, Robert W. McChesney and John Nichols. Today, FreePress.net lists 34 staff members on their website. Check out their bios and portfolios and you will get a sense of how important and well-organized the movement has become.

To that I say, "You go People." Let's see media reform move front and center as part of the agenda for this year's election. What do our candidates propose for media reform? Whether you are a rookie or a veteran on media reform, now is the time to get stronger on the movement. This is [sic] our media and it will only get worse unless we make it better (July KUNM Zounds via DXLD)

** U S A. NOW HEAR THIS --- For our friends in Taos and surrounding communities, KUNM's new frequency is 90.9! In Las Vegas and surrounding communities we've upgraded, improved and expanded our signal at 91.9! We are here to serve you. Thanks for listening!

Attention Socorro listeners --- KUNM's new transmitter for 88.7 was knocked out of commission in early June when the air conditioning in the M Mountain transmitter shack failed. It simply got too hot for the electronics. We have installed a replacement transmitter which just does not have the same "uuuummph" (not a technical term) as the new transmitter. We've shipped the new one back to the factory for rebuilding or replacement and expect to be back on at full power by mid-July. Most folks in Socorro proper should be able to get our signal. Outlying communities like San Antonio may not be able to

receive our signal until the transmitter is returned. And yes, the air conditioner has been replaced. Thanks for your patience! (July KUNM Zounds via DXLD)

Meanwhile, KUNM on webcast keeps giving legal IDs for all these stations at hourtops, which add up to quite a mouthful; as comic relief, I heard a version with two people chanting them simultaneously (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. For those who love 'Andean' music, I cannot recommend highly enough THE ANDEAN HOUR, on KOOP, Austin TX webcasts, via <http://www.koop.org/?page=schedule§ion=andeanhour>

Yes, once again it is really a SESQUIHOUR, Tue 2000-2130 UT, as the 2000-2030 program has disappeared. Before it at 1900-2000 is CONO SUR, for sure with no tilde. ANDEAN hostess is Gilka C spedes, who doesn't have a ``radio voice``, but the music she plays is wonderful. July 1 it was mostly Peruvian (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 87.7 Spanish? Date: Gents, I've been receiving, while driving to and from work, a Spanish speaking station that fades over top of the audio of WTVR-6 [Richmond VA] on 87.7. This sounds a lot like ES, and I've heard it yesterday, last Friday, and last Wednesday in the afternoon. Each time I came home and checked for Es on the TV and saw none. (By the time I get home it's gone, so I have not yet heard it on my tuner.) It doesn't stay in long enough for ID, of course. When I hear it, there is talk and not much music, and doesn't sound like either a TV station, nor does it sound like a pirate. There's nothing on 6 with SS, except for maybe WIPR San Juan. Maybe the low power TV W06CJ in Fairfax is on the air? Have you guys heard this? Is there some obvious explanation I have overlooked? (Tim McVey, Stafford, July 1, WTFDA via DXLD)

Yes, it is the [annoying for me] low power ch 6 TV, W06CJ Arlington VA. It has been off and on, program testing for over a year, but in the last couple of months it has been on pretty much full time, and in the last 3 weeks they seem to have significantly increased their power. In their frequent bilingual ID announcing program testing and requesting comments, they give the phone number 703-761-5013. I've noticed they're also running Christian religious programming in English at midday (midwest Es DXers take note). (Les Prus, Alexandria VA (38.72557 -77.07214), ibid.)

** UZBEKISTAN. Re: A new GE75 file, #119, is out from 24 June: http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/publications/brific-ter/files/ge75/2008/GE75_119.pdf (Olle Alm, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Interesting are the the UZB entries. Do they plan to restart their MW

network, or is this just a lack of coordinations inside UZB: one department closing stations and other coordinating them for use? (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

It's so hard to let go; might as well keep them going on paper, which may prevent neighboring countries from occupying the frequencies, possibly with hostile broadcasts (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. 4940, R. Amazonas (tentative), Puerto Ayacucho. July 1, Spanish, 1007-1019, OM talks alternating maybe local folk music, talks with listeners by phone. Brazilian 4935 was off, weak 23322 (L'cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Since this one varies, usually on the low side, if possible please try to measure the frequency to at least one decimal place (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. VENEZUELA SANCIONA A UN CANAL DE TV POR PASAR LOS SIMPSONS --- El ente de control bolivariano considera que el programa hace apologia al consumo de alcohol y se pasô en horario de protecciôn al menor. El canal deber· remediar el idaôoî con la divulgaciôn de mensajes culturales y educativos durante un mes. . . <http://www.losandes.com.ar/notas/2008/6/30/un-367072.asp> (via JosÈ Miguel Romero2, Spain, dxldyg via DXLD)

The poor humorless Bolivarians --- they just don't get it, the satire of The Simpsons, and how critical it really is of North American culture (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. NUEVOS HORARIOS Y NUEVAS FRECUENCIAS DE LA V.O.V]

Hola, A continuaciôn el correo que me ha mandado LA VOZ DE VIETNAM:

Estimado amigo, A partir del primero de julio de 2008, nuestro programa en espaõol emitido a las 21 y 30 hora UT en las frecuencias de 7220 y 9550 kHz se sustituye por la emision a las 18 horas UT, en las nuevas frecuencias de 9730 y 7280 kHz. En cuanto a las emisiones de las 3 y 4 UT, puede seguir sintonizando en la frecuencia de 6175 kHz, como lo puede ver en el siguiente esquema de programaciôn. Esperamos que las condiciones de la escucha sean mejores y que siga escuch·ndonos y aport·ndonos sus valiosos informes de recepciôn.

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(via Pedro Sedano, Madrid, España, COORDINADOR GENERAL, AER
<http://aer-dx.org/> Noticias DX yg via DXLD)

AFAIK, all the old and new frequencies are direct, not relays. I
assume Spanish to Central Asia is only incidental along the way!
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ARGELIA, 1550, Radio Nacional de la República
Arabe Saharaui, *0600-0620, 29-06, inicio programación, himno,
locutor, árabe, comentario, cánticos del Corán. 23322. En paralelo
con 6300 con SINPO 45444 en la onda corta (Manuel Méndez, Lugo,
España, escuchas realizadas en Camping de Reinante, costa del mar
Cantábrico, provincia de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW
7600G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. With Zimbabwe in the news, here are the current
schedules of the three SW stations that specifically beam into the
country from abroad:

Studio 7 (VOA)- Mondays-Fridays:
1700-1730 in Shona on 909, 4930, 11605, 15775.
1730-1800 in English on 909, 4930, 11605, 15775.
1800-1830 in Ndebele on 909, 4930, 11605, 15775.
1830-1900 in Shona on 11605, 15775.
1900-1930 in English on 11605, 15775.
1930-2000 in Ndebele on 11605, 15775.

Studio 7 (VOA)- Saturdays and Sundays:
1700-1720 in Shona on 909, 4930, 11605, 15775.
1720-1740 in English on 909, 4930, 11605, 15775.
1740-1800 in Ndebele on 909, 4930, 11605, 15775.
1800-1820 in Shona on 11605, 15775.
1820-1840 in English on 11605, 15775.
1840-1900 in Ndebele on 11605, 15775.

SW Radio Africa: [trilingual at non-specific times]
1700-1900 on 4880 and 12035. Unfortunately 12035 is a weak signal
(from Rampisham, and so beamed away from the UK) and is squeezed
between two strong Voices of Russia on 12030 and 12040. But you can
hear the station live at <http://www.swradioafrica.com>

Radio Voice of the People (VOP):

0400-0500 on 11610.

1100-1200 on 11695.

1700-1800 on 7120.

(Chris Greenway, UK, June 30, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. MW harmonics, short log 29/6/08 --- once again all unIDs, but someone else might have better luck, kHz:

1926, unid 2220 UT

2340, unid 2218

2736, unid, very difficult next to 2738 ex poor, 2211

2808, Unid mx, not France Info 2209, poor

3402, unid 2233

(Tim Bucknall, Congleton, N/W England, Icom R9500 + Wellbrook ala 1530 outdoor loop, harmonics yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4905, 28/06 2105, YL/OM with programa religioso em Spanish da IPDA, "...la campaña de la bendición... la Iglesia Dios Es Amor...el misionero David Miranda..." 34322 MMP

4905, 29/06 2125, OM com culto típico da IPDA em Portuguese, traduzido para Spanish, mencionando "...desde la Capital Federal de Colombia..." 34333 (Marcio M. Pontes - Registro/SP, Rx Icom IC R 70, Yaesu FRG 7700, Atx T2FD p/ 49 metros, radioescutas yg via DXLD) see also BRAZIL

UNIDENTIFIED. 6190, slow reading of weather forecast in German, but on LW207 and other MWs from Germany there were other programs, on 16/6 at 2310 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, Marconi), July Australian DX News via DXLD)

But nevertheless, surely it was Deutschlandfunk, Berlin-Britz (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11710.5, approximately, weak het to V. of Korea in French on 11710.0, July 1 at 1418. 11710v brings to mind Argentina, but should not be on this frequency at this hour. Aoki shows RAE weekday Spanish on 11710 until 1400; EiBi, until 1300. SAm propagation was OK, with RNA Brazil 11780 in well. Or could be a spur from something else on 25m, even another VOK transmitter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Help ID this Spanish audio

<http://qantum.zftp.com/airchecks/SS%2094.7%20080630%20mono.mp3>

Can you all listen and tell me what this is on 94.7 in mono at 1830

[EDT?] 6/30. Thanks, (Steve Solomon, Yarmouthport, MA, FM: T-85 with 5 110 kHz SNR filters, APS-13 @ 30ft, WTFDA via DXLD)

Something on the order of "More Mexican Music"... "Latina 94.7" My guess, since it's mono, is a pirate. While there are a lot of Spanish

pirates in FL, there probably aren't many Mexican ones.
Just found the following - and it's unfortunately [why?] in Spanish.
<http://www.latina94.com/home.html>
But the slogan on the website homepage is exactly what I heard in your clip. It also mentions "American Airlines Arena", of which there is one in Miami (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA, *ibid.*)

Hi, there is a clear ID here is the transcription:
"...les saludan... quiubule comp?s somos patrulla 81. QuÈ tal amigos, les saluda Jorge Luis Cabrera y les invito para que sigan escuchando la mejor m'sica mexicana. En la radio del pueblo Latina 94 punto com"

"quiubule" is slang, equivalent to "Hi". Something like this in English: "...salutes you.. Hi buddies we are patrol 81. How are you friends, Jose Luis Cabrera salutes you and I inviting you to keep listening to the best mexican music. In the Peoples's Radio Latina dot com"

....: means I'm not sure what they are saying. It matches the site:
<http://www.latina94.com> That is in the ID. Saludos (Humberto Molina, El Salvador, *ibid.*)

Looks like it's a pirate in Savannah; was getting everything from that area down to Jacksonville. According to radio-info.com. Thanks for all the help!! (Steve Solomon, MA, *ibid.*)

I think this is the pirate I've heard a number of times over the last year when tropo is going good to the east. They have a potent signal, and have always cut off at midnight. Now they even have a website! (Randy KW4RZ Zerr, EM60 Ft Walton Beach, FL, *ibid.*)

Yes, but the website mentions Miami, so where is this pirate located ? 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL/WI, *ibid.*)

I think the mention of Miami is in a section on the website that is just automated music news, similar to what you see on Clear Channel stations' websites (Jeff Lehmann, Hanson, MA, *ibid.*)

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#### LATE WINTER TA LOGGINGS REPORT

Yes; I just finished compiling my LW-MW last winter loggings. Best moments from here occurred around Christmas-New year day period. February has been generally poor. One of the main reason of that

lateness is that I've been working on my website. It is now on line since last month. You can find there a detailed description of my receiving equipment, DX site, a bit of personal DX history, DX audio files and those TA logs already published on this forum. If you wish to, have a look at: <http://www.quebecdx.com>

As for the winter loggings,

check: [http://www.quebecdx.com/2007\\_08\\_winter\\_loggings.pdf](http://www.quebecdx.com/2007_08_winter_loggings.pdf)

(Sylvain Naud, Portneuf, Quebec, CANADA,

Perseus SDR (Since last May)

Icom ICR75 with LF mods

228 meters (750 feet) terminated beverage towards Africa (88 degrees)

289 meters (950 feet, winter seasonal) terminated beverage towards Europe (55 degrees)

106 meters (350 feet) unterminated beverage NE-SW (28-208 degrees)

Homebrew K9AY with vactrol

T2FD cut for 90m band

Two 30 meters (100 feet) long wire

Homebrew remote wire antenna switcher

DX Engineering RPA-1 HF preamplifier

MFJ-1026 phaser with LF mods

June 30, MWDX yg via DXLD)

Lovely informative website, Sylvain = congratulations and well done

(John Plimmer, Montagu, Western Cape Province, South Africa,

<http://www.dxing.info/about/dxers/plimmer.dx> ibid.)

Thank you John. You should put a website too! It is always pleasant to read you and with all the experience that you have, you shouldn't be in lack of content. Now that you're in the peak of the mwdx season down there, how does your new IC7700 behave? (Sylvain Naud, ibid.)

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DUNG POWER

History Channel's new 2-hour feature, ALL ABOUT DUNG, includes a segment demonstrating a radio (in the wilds of Africa?) powered by dung. Repeats Saturday July 5 at 2100-2300 UT, at least on the History Channel feed we get in CNAm (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PROPAGATION

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Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet levels until late on 24 June when activity increased to unsettled levels. A further increase to active levels occurred during 25 - 26 June with minor to major storm levels at high latitudes. Activity decreased to quiet to unsettled levels for the remainder of the period. ACE solar wind measurements indicated a co-rotating interaction region (CIR) occurred during 24 - 25 June in advance of a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream (HSS). The CIR was associated with increased proton densities (peak 20 p/cc at 24/2251 UTC), a solar sector boundary crossing (toward (-) to away (+)), and changes in the interplanetary magnetic field (IMF). IMF changes included increased Bt (peak 15 nT at 25/1710 UTC) and intermittent periods of southward Bz (minimum -10 nT at 25/1735 UTC). The HSS commenced on 25 June, reached a peak velocity of 686 km/sec at 26/1846 UTC, then began to gradually subside on 28 June. Solar wind velocities decreased to a low of 470 km/sec by the end of the period.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 02 - 28 JULY 2008

Solar activity is expected to be very low. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels during 13 - 21 July. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels during 02 - 11 July. Activity is expected to increase to active levels during 12 - 13 July with storm levels possible at high latitudes due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream. Activity is expected to decrease to unsettled levels during 14 - 17 July as the high-speed stream gradually subsides. Activity is expected to decrease to quiet levels during 18 - 21 July. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled levels during 22 - 24 July due to recurrence. Activity is expected to decrease to quiet levels during 25 - 28 July.

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# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2008 Jul 01

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| # UTC       | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
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| # Date      | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2008 Jul 02 | 66         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Jul 03 | 66         | 8         | 3        |
| 2008 Jul 04 | 66         | 12        | 3        |
| 2008 Jul 05 | 66         | 10        | 3        |
| 2008 Jul 06 | 66         | 5         | 2        |

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| 2008 Jul 07 | 66 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Jul 08 | 66 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Jul 09 | 66 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Jul 10 | 66 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Jul 11 | 66 | 10 | 3 |
| 2008 Jul 12 | 66 | 15 | 4 |
| 2008 Jul 13 | 66 | 15 | 4 |
| 2008 Jul 14 | 66 | 10 | 3 |
| 2008 Jul 15 | 66 | 10 | 3 |
| 2008 Jul 16 | 66 | 8  | 3 |
| 2008 Jul 17 | 66 | 10 | 3 |
| 2008 Jul 18 | 66 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Jul 19 | 66 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Jul 20 | 66 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Jul 21 | 66 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Jul 22 | 66 | 10 | 3 |
| 2008 Jul 23 | 66 | 10 | 3 |
| 2008 Jul 24 | 66 | 8  | 3 |
| 2008 Jul 25 | 66 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Jul 26 | 66 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Jul 27 | 66 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Jul 28 | 66 | 5  | 2 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1415, DXLD) ###